

St. Ambrose Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 2pm. After hours by appointment only.

WEEKEND HOLY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Sunday from 8:00 am to 8:45 am; 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Fr. Gary Schlack - Pastor

Fr. Michael King, retired - in residence

Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon

Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant

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Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

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PARISH SCHOOLS: St. Anne School 519-621-8920
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BAPTISM - The Baptism Preparation Program for parents is required before a Baptism date is scheduled.

MARRIAGE - Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance, as Marriage Preparation is required.

VISITS and COMMUNION TO THE SICK - Inform the parish office of hospitalization or home confinement.

FOR THE HOSPITAL/HOSPICE/PATIENTS

Need a Catholic Priest? Please call 519-404-5344

Priests are available 24/7, for emergency ministry, e.g. 'Anointing of the Sick' or 'Last Rites'

For non-emergency ministry please contact your local parish or the hospital/hospice spiritual care team.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - for assistance with food vouchers, leave a message at 519-623-8764

- St. Vincent de Paul Value Store 519-629-0103

First Saturday Promise:

"Behold, my daughter, my Heart encircled with thorns, with which ungrateful people pierce It at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Give me consolation, you, at least; and make known on my behalf that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) confess their sins, 2) receive Holy Communion, 3) recite five decades of the Rosary, 4) keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, 5) and have the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

(Our Lady of Fatima's message to Lucia)

First Saturday Masses are held at 8:00 am each month at St. Ambrose Church.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Nov. 9 feast day

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City; the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls; and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the arch-basilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica, for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran, the dedication of which is remembered today. Though the pope now lives next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome, but also the mother church of the entire world.

The church building has a long and storied history. In the year 64AD, Roman Emperor Nero blamed a devastating fire in Rome on the Christians. In retaliation, he ordered the execution of many Christians, including Saints Peter and Paul. In 65AD, there was a conspiracy to kill Nero with the help of the Counsel-designate Plautius Lateranus (Lateran). When Nero learned of the plot, he immediately beheaded Lateranus and confiscated his home, which was the Lateran Palace. Subsequent Roman emperors used the palace in various ways over the next 250 years. In 312, when Constantine the Great became the sole ruler of the Western Roman Empire, he took possession of the Lateran Palace. The following year, after issuing the Edict of Milan with Emperor Licinius of the Eastern Roman Empire, Constantine donated the Lateran Palace to Pope Miltiades who first used it to conduct a synod of bishops and then began constructing the first Basilica in Rome. Upon its completion in the year 324, it was dedicated by Pope Sylvester and given the name the "House of God," with a special designation to Christ the Savior. With that, the first cathedral in the most important diocese was established.

Though the Lateran Basilica has remained the pope's cathedral from the time of its dedication, the Lateran Palace, next to the Basilica, was the papal residence from 324–1305. In 1305, Pope Clement V was elected to the papacy and refused to move to Rome. In 1309, he moved the entire papal court to Avignon, France, where it remained until Pope Gregory XI returned to Rome from Avignon in 1377. Upon the pope's return to Rome, the Lateran Palace was in disrepair due, so the pope eventually built a new residence next to Saint Peter's Basilica on Vatican Hill, where every subsequent pope has resided since.



Monday, November 10

7:00 pm – Intentions of Gilda Formica & family

Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm

Catechism video program after Mass.

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 am + FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN WARS & CONFLICT

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

2:30 pm – *Prayers for the Sick. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church. Please use the parking lot side door.*

Wednesday, November 12

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ deceased family and personal intentions of Carmen

+ DECEASED KARAS and SWISS FAMILIES – Kay

+ DOWDALL O'DACRE – Ildiko and Robert

+ MARIA POCK – Yolanda J.

+ JULIET & FLEX and OTTO & SAMI – Rocha family

+ MARY & WILDRED DYSON – Cecilia and Aldwin

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 13

8:00 am + FRANKIE TORALBA – Eva and Leo

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, November 14

8:00 am + JOAO CHAVES – Silvino & Maria

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, November 15

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm + KELLY BREWER – Jacqueline

+ MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie

+ MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria

+ MADELINE & HARRY MERRALL

+ JOAO SILVA – his family

+ ROSE BANDMANN – Paul & Myra

+ JULIE SKUPIN – G.S.

Sunday, November 16 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:00 am – the intentions of all parishioners

11:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Patience & Sunday



Next weekend, Nov. 15 and 16, at the church exits, the **Knights of Columbus Galt Council 2184** will be offering **packages of 25 tea bags for a minimum donation of \$2.00**

The product is premium quality high grown Ceylon tea with a refreshingly mellow taste and proceeds will go toward works of charity in the community. Thank you for your support.

2026 Religious wall calendars – \$4.00 each

2026 Sunday Missals - \$5.00 each

These are available for purchase from the Sacristy, or the parish office during office hours.

St. Ambrose Youth Candle Fundraiser

The St. Ambrose Youth Group will be selling scented candles after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at the church beginning Sunday, November 23, and continuing each Sunday through December 21.



Candles are \$20 each, and all proceeds will help support our youth ministry activities and service projects. Payments can be made by cash or cheque payable to St. Ambrose Parish.

These candles make perfect Christmas gifts and are a wonderful way to support our parish youth. Thank you for your generosity!

Cambridge Right to Life would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the parishioners of St. Ambrose Parish for their ongoing support for our Walk for Life fundraiser raising \$5,000!

Thank you to St. Ambrose parishioners who participated in the walk and donated funds. These funds will be used toward the cost of our advertisements, which appear every 2½ minutes, 24 hours a day, on the electronic jumbo screen at the Delta intersection (*hwys. 8 and 97*) delivering the message of the Sanctity of Life from conception until natural death. Thank You!

“Heroes of Hope” Newsletter, from the Diocese of Hamilton, for November focuses on Ministers to the Dying and Bereaved. Copies of the newsletter are available at the back of the Church.

Bishop Joseph Dabrowski

New Bishop for Hamilton Diocese

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, announced that the Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., currently Bishop of Charlottetown, has been appointed the 10th Bishop of Hamilton Diocese.

His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, has indicated that he will present his Decree of Appointment to the College of Consultors on February 2, 2026, and “*formally take possession of the See*”, at a ceremony to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Christ the King in Hamilton, Ontario.

The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski was born in 1964, the second of five children, and grew up in Wysoka Strzyżowska, a village in the south of Poland. After graduating from a high school run by the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, he chose to enter the Michaelite religious order. After completing one year of the Novitiate, he made his first profession in 1982 and graduated from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselmo in Rome, obtaining his Master of Divinity in 1991.

He was ordained to the priesthood on 4 May 1991 in Italy at the Pontifical Sanctuary of Santa Maria ad Rupes. He was assigned to join the Michaelite community in London, Ontario. In the Michaelite community, he served as Vice Superior, Advisor, Vice-Provincial, and Superior of North American Vice Province. He also served as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Czestochowa in London from 1992 to 1993; St. Michael in Leamington from 1993 to 1996; St. Pius X (now Holy Family) in London from 1996 to 1997; and St. Mary’s Parish in London from 1997 to 1998.

In 1998 he was named Pastor of St. Mary’s Parish in London, Ontario where he served until he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London. His episcopal ordination took place on the 14 April 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in London. As Auxiliary Bishop, he served in the Diocese of London from 2015 – 2023. During this time, he served as Vicar General, Vicar for Priests, Episcopal Liaison to St. Peter’s Seminary, Member of the Board of Directors of St. Peter’s Seminary, Episcopal Liaison with Religious Communities.

On the 2 April 2023 Bishop Dabrowski was appointed by Pope Francis and he was then installed on the 29 June 2023 as the 14th Bishop of Charlottetown.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Dabrowski was appointed as Catholic Co-Chair to the Roman Catholic/Evangelical Church Dialogue (Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity), a member of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis, and as a member of the Standing Committee for National Family and Life. From 2023 to 2025, he was a member of the Atlantic Episcopal Assembly.

Bishop Dabrowski enjoys ministering to, and speaking with, the faithful of many cultures and celebrating the Catholic faith in many languages. He speaks English, Polish, Italian, Spanish, and has previously studied French, Russian, and Latin.

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