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. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS:

St. Anne School	519-621-8920	St. Vincent de Paul School	519-740-0678
Holy Spirit School	519-621-8973	Monsignor Doyle High School	519-622-1290

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.

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.

God's Kingdom

Pope Pius XI instituted **The Solemnity of Christ the King** in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. Pope Pius connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, secularism was on the rise, and many Christians, even Catholics, were doubting Christ's authority, as well as the Church's, and even doubting Christ's existence. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened.

Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (Quas Primas, 32).
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (Quas Primas, 31).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (Quas Primas, 33).

"The way to "enter" into God's Kingdom "does not permit shortcuts"; rather, "every person must freely welcome the truth of the love of God. He is Love and Truth and both love and truth never impose themselves: they knock at the door of the heart and mind and, wherever they may enter, they bring peace and joy. This is God's way of reigning; this is his project of salvation, a 'mystery' in the biblical sense of the word, which is a plan that is revealed little by little throughout history." — Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Therefore, we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.

It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King).

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 28
8:00 am – for the intentions of Nicole
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 29
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY – Theresa Tran
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel and family
+ AURORA CALÇAO – Mario
+ DECEASED LOPES FAMILY
+ MARIA, JOHN, JASON & BRIAN CORREIA – Maria & John
+ VINCENZO ALAIMO – Sam and Elisa
- for Conversion – Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, November 30
8:00 am – for the intentions of all priests, religious and friends – Maria Correia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, December 1
8:00 am + SLATKA RUZMARINA – St. Anne School staff
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, December 2 – First Saturday
8:00 am – Healing of the Family Tree Mass
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + NICHOLAS RIBEIRO – his family
+ DOMENIC BELLISSIMO – his wife
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Antonio & Maria Chaves
+ ANTONIO NORDELO, MARIA BRAGA MONTEIRO – family
+ MARIA COUTO – Maria & John Correia

Sunday, December 3 – ***First Sunday of Advent***
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + ILDA & MANUEL FERNANDES – Deb & Mark
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Advent Retreat at St. Ambrose Church

Advent is a time when we are asked to make spiritual preparations in order to celebrate Christmas with a more open heart. Come to our St. Ambrose Advent Retreat **Saturday, December 2 until Tuesday, December 5.**

Fr. Michael King will be preaching about the importance of having an open heart and what we can do to help our hearts be more open to God and therefore capable of receiving the graces and blessings God wishes to bestow upon us.

Fr. Michael will preach at all Masses on the weekend of December 2/3. He will also celebrate Mass and preach on Monday December 4 at 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm.

Come, prepare yourselves to be able to celebrate this Christmas season with more peace and joy in your hearts, more than ever before!

Youth Ministry Bake Sale
Sunday, December 17th

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry will be having a bake sale fundraiser on Sunday, December 17th in the church hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, purchase baking for your Christmas gatherings, and support youth programming!

Donations of baked goods from parishioners are appreciated! Baking can be dropped off to the church hall on Saturday, December 16th between 12pm and 4:30pm. Kindly label items that are nut-free and/or gluten free. Thank you!

Families, couples, individuals invited to light the Advent Wreath Candles

Advent begins December 3rd. Families, couples and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses during Advent.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the Church. Thank you!

Donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be gratefully accepted at the Church exits today – Nov 25/26.

Monetary donations to assist with their Christmas basket program will be appreciated.

Mom & Tots Pray & Play: Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration? Do you need some quiet time praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? If so, this program is for you. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready you can drop them off to enjoy supervised play with other children for the remaining time while you adore alone. This will be held the LAST Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in the Adoration Chapel and Children's Liturgy room at St. Ambrose Church. Registration is required, please **email momtotsprayplay@gmail.com** Please **register** for the upcoming date of **Wednesday, November 29th!**

Be A Man men's group meets weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

Come Home for Christmas Festival, bring your families to celebrate with us! Sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster 437, Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3K4

Free Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, and Santa. Local Artisans will also be on site (cash only)

Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities.

Coping With the Holidays…
When You Have Lost a Loved One

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the **Diocesan Chancery Office**, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm**. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at hamiltondiocese.com (Must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk-in the day of the event.)

Christmas Mass schedules: In December, the Diocese of Hamilton will have on their website the Christmas Mass schedules for all the parishes in the Diocese.

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