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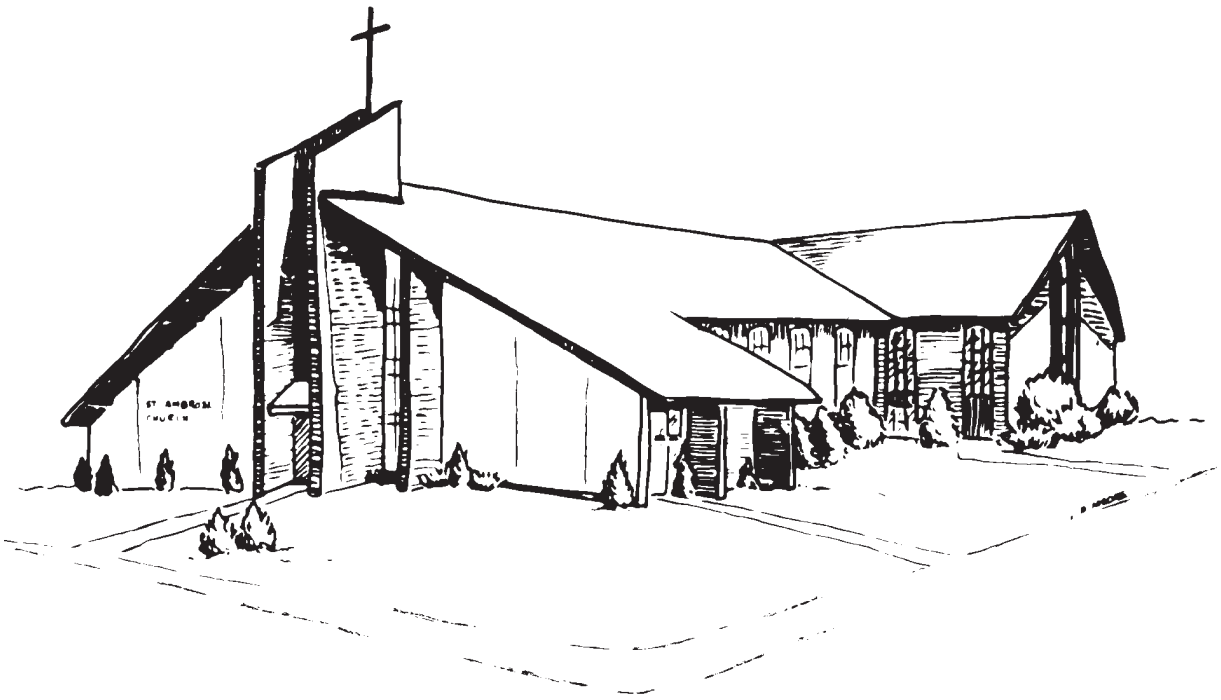

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Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office for information on booking a Baptism date and the dates of upcoming Baptism preparation meetings.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

MARRIAGE

Adequate preparation including Marriage Preparation Course is required.
Contact the parish office at least 12 months in advance.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please inform us of hospitalization or confinement to home due to illness.

SCHOOLS

St. Anne	519-621-8920
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Advent is not Christmas!

The focus of Advent is preparation for the coming of the Lord -- both in commemoration of His Nativity and His coming again at the end of time. Though many people see this time of year as a part of the "Christmas Season," it isn't; the official liturgical Christmas season does not begin until the first Mass at Christmas Eve, and doesn't end liturgically until the Octave of the Epiphany in January.

The mood of the Advent season is one of somber spiritual preparation that increases in joy with each day. But the "Christmas" commercialism that surrounds us starts in early November with the talk of "Christmas", with the music, the decorated trees and the parties. We can still prepare for Christmas while we strive to keep the Season of Advent holy and penitential, always remembering, as they say, that "*Jesus is the reason for the Season."*

The similarities and differences between Advent and Lent as penitential seasons, Fr. Lawrence Smith writes:
"Advent is the time to make ready for Christ to live with us. Lent is the time to make us ready to die with Christ. Advent makes Lent possible. Lent makes salvation possible. Advent is the time when eternity approaches earth. Lent is the time when time reaches consummation in Christ's eternal Sacrifice to the Father. Advent leads to Christ's life in time on earth. Lent leads to Christ's eternal Life in Heaven. The Cross -- through the Mass, penance, and mortification -- is the bridge connecting Advent and Lent, Christ and His Church, man and God."

So, restore Advent and try not to get caught up in "Christmas" until it truly comes. One way to help focus on the theme of preparation is to read the parables in the 24th and 25th chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. Another way to help you do this is to think of the Saint who embodies the spirit of this Season more than any other: the great St. John the Baptist. Make special prayers to him and consider the message of this "*voice of one crying in the desert": "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths*."

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."
Saint Mother Teresa

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 30
7:00 pm + AURORA CALCAO - Mario
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Wednesday, December 1
7:00 pm + GEORGE LAMARRE – Debbie and family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, December 2
7:00 pm + ANTONIO NORDELO MELO & FAMILY – Fatima
+ LORENSO – Theresa Tran
+ JOAO MONIZ TAVARES – Paul, Linda and Katarina
+ SOULS IN PURGATORY – Grace Ferreira
+ VIRGINIA REIS – her family
+ DECEASED FERREIRA & ABREU FAMILIES - Balbina
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

Friday, December 3
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory at 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 4 – First Saturday
***9:00 am +** SOULS IN PURGATORY – Maria Correia

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + MARK NUGENT – his family
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Jack & Joanne Konings
+ MARIA CABRAL – Charamba, Aurelia & family
+ CIDALIA PUIM – Anna & Manuel Dias
- In thanksgiving for blessings – Maria Mendonca

Sunday, December 5
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + MARIA DosREIS CABRAL – Anna & Manuel Dias
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Please note there is a **9am Saturday morning Mass this week,** as it is the First Saturday of the month.

Pope Francis is asking each and every one of us to become involved in the synodal process leading up to the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in 2023. The Pope tells us that the point of a synodal Church - "*is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.*"
https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#resources

In response to Pope Francis' invitation to each and every person to become involved in the synodal process, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, OMI, and the Diocesan Committee for the 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops developed a few materials to encourage the participation of the Faithful of our Diocese. Please visit the link below to view a video by Bishop Crosby, read the prayer for the Synod, and to participate in the online survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/Hamilton_Diocese_Synod

Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) is back in operation and is accepting food items such as dried beans, rice, cookies, cereals, canned meats, pasta, flour, iodized salt, vegetable oil.
They are also accepting pots and pans in good condition, cutlery, good new and used clothing, fabrics, curtains, medical supplies, and much more. Items can be brought to the Church and please label the box or bags "CFFC".
For a full list of needed items please visit:
https://canadianfoodforchildren-ck.com/wishlist/

A Prayer to Prepare My Heart for Christ's Coming

Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas "Giving Tree"

Again, this year the "Giving Tree" will be placed in the Sanctuary. Donations to assist the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society can be placed in the box beside the tree. Donation envelopes will be provided. Donations will go toward providing store vouchers for families and individuals in need.

Society of St Vincent de Paul - to ask for assistance with food/clothing/furniture please email **stambrose.ssvp@gmail.com**
or phone to leave a message is 519-623-8674

Volunteer Opportunity

Parishioners! Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to your community? Then become a Thrift Store volunteer! The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 75 Dundas Street North in Galt is inviting volunteers who are open to new experiences to join our team to help us continue to deliver our services to the community. Volunteers typically help sort donations, stock shelves, etc. during convenient times and days. No experience is necessary; we care a lot more about your smile and your genuine desire to help others.
If you are interested, please email **VolunteerSSVPCambridge@gmail.com** for more information.

Do you have a new phone number or a new address? Help the parish office keep our files updated by providing your new phone number and/or address.
Many people are opting to use only cell phones now, and we've noticed that some parishioner contact info is not up to date. Thank you

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Advent Resource for Families:

The Diocesan Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please click the link for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.
https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/

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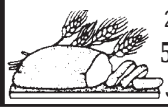
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