# 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:**
Monday 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
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 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
Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian



**PARISH SCHOOLS:**

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| 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.

**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.

## Happy New Year! *Well, sort of!*

The First Sunday of Advent begins the "Liturgical" new year.

**So, what is a liturgical year?**

The Catholic liturgical year is a cycle of seasons and feast days which follows the life of Jesus, beginning with Advent in late November and ending with the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is divided into six seasons—Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter—each with a different focus and distinct liturgical colours. The liturgical year's primary purpose is to celebrate the mystery of Christ's life and salvation, and it uses a three-year cycle for Sunday Gospel readings to provide varied scripture over time.

**Seasons of the liturgical year:**

- **Advent:** A four-week period of preparation for the birth of Jesus.
- **Christmas:** Celebrates the Nativity of Jesus and his manifestation to the world.
- **Ordinary Time:** A period in the calendar split into two parts, one after Epiphany and one after Pentecost, where the Church reflects on Christ's life and ministry.
- **Lent:** A six-week period of penance and preparation for Easter.
- **Sacred Paschal Triduum:** The three most holy days of the year—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Easter:** A fifty-day celebration of the Lord's resurrection, culminating in Pentecost.

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (*from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to")* is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time, and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 1**
7:00 pm + ANNE RENAUD – Doreen and Tony Strybosch
*Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm* (NO catechism video tonight)

**Tuesday, December 2**
8:00 am + ANTONIO NORDELO & MARIA BRAGA - Fatima
*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.*
**7:00 pm Mass** + JOAO & MARIA CHAVES and FAMILY

**Wednesday, December 3**
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY
+ D'ARCY MOORE – Maria DaSilva
+ AURORA CALÇAO – her family
+ BARB HILLER – Maria & John Correia
- intentions of Michelle Runstedler and family
*CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm*
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm***

**Thursday, December 4**
8:00 am + JOSEPH NGUYEN – Thanh Nguyen
*CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am*
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am***

**Friday, December 5**
8:00 am + FILOMENA TEIXEIRA – Myra and Paul
*CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am*
***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am***

**Saturday, December 6**
8:00 am – Mass of Healing of the Family Tree
*CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm*
**5:00 pm** + MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Ilda Oliveira
+ ANTONIO CHAVES – Ilda Oliveira
+ ANDY CARRIERE – Maryanne and Ray
+ GIULIA FIORETTI – Teresa and Nick
+ ARISTIDES BANGUGLIAN – Capistrano family
- intentions of Klaus and Anneliese Steden

**Sunday, December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent**
**9:00 am** – for the intentions of all parishioners
**11:00 am** + BERTHA & RENE SANDINO – their family
*Confessions – 8am to 8:45 am; and 10:15 – 10:45 am*

## St. Ambrose and St. Nicholas Feast Day Party for Families

Join us in the church hall after the 11 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 7, 2025** to celebrate the feast of our patron saint – St. Ambrose, as well as St. Nicholas (Dec 6). There will be fun & games for the whole family, and maybe even a visit from St. Nicholas. Pizza will be served! Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share! We hope to see everyone there!

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## Sunday, December 14th In St Ambrose church hall

Parishioners are kindly asked for baked goods for our bake sale! Gift cards and NEW prizes for the raffle table would also be appreciated!
Donations can be brought to the Church hall on Saturday, December 13th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
Non-perishable prizes can be also brought to the parish office.

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**"Daughters of the King"** St. Ambrose Parish ladies' group will be **cancelled on December 2nd**, to allow everyone to attend the Mission Mass and talk that night.

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### Young Adults Night Sat. December 6, 2025

Vocation Director, Fr. Mark Morley, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations, during the Advent Season.
At Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown)
Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm)
Social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm)
Praise night with Vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm)
Compline (9:00pm)

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### Holiday Gift for Women's Shelter Residents

The shelter is accepting items for their shelter residents, so they, too, can a joyful Christmas!
Donated items can be brought to 55 Dickson St. #102 from 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday, but please phone ahead to ensure someone is there to accept the gifts (519) 267-6444
Items requested:
Robes (XS–3X); Slippers (XS–L); Personal care items; sweet treats; new socks, leggings, scarves, gloves. Gift cards are also greatly appreciated.

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**2026 church donation envelopes** will be available next weekend. Those who currently use envelopes will be automatically given a new box. If you would like to order 2026 envelopes, please contact the parish office.

## St. Ambrose Parish Advent Mission
## Dec. 1st , 2nd , 3rd
## Each night will begin with Mass at 7pm

**St. Ambrose Parish invites** everyone to join us for a special three-night mission with Catholic author Allan Smith, exploring the beautiful journey of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Each evening offers uplifting reflections inspired by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, helping us prepare our hearts, celebrate the Incarnation, and follow the Light revealed at Epiphany. All are welcome!
Come and renew your faith as we walk with Christ through the seasons of hope, joy, and divine revelation.

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### 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, each Sunday until December 21. All candles are $20 each — beautifully scented and made with 100% soy wax. (cash or cheque)
Payments can be made by cash or cheque payable to St. Ambrose Parish.

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**Come pray with us! Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 pm in St. Ambrose church.** Join with other parishioners to pray for those suffering from illness, and our own personal intentions. Please enter through the parking lot side door.

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**Pro-Life Prayer Vigil** - Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the area across from Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, at Schneider Park.

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### Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group
### Coping with Christmas

Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.
**Wednesday, December 10th 2025** 7:00pm – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) At St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON For more information and to register, please phone or email our Parish office 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca

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