

# St. Ambrose Church

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## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

*Heavenly Creator,*

*In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.  
Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost.*

*Keep their faith strong as they await relief.*

*And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

*Amen*

**How thankful are we?** So often we hear ourselves and others complaining about traffic; the cost of food, inconsiderate people; and so on. This weekend, we take time (*hopefully*) from our busy lives to be together with the ones we love - family and friends - to give thanks, and rightly so!! Here's a little thoughtful prose:

***I am thankful for:***

...the mess to clean up after a party  
because it means I have been surrounded by friends & family.  
...the taxes I pay, because it means that I'm employed.  
...the clothes that fit a little too snug  
because it means I have enough to eat.  
...for the teenager who is watching TV  
because it means that he/she is at home and not on the streets  
...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot  
because it means I am capable of walking.  
...all the complaining I hear about our government  
because it means we have freedom of speech.  
...that lady behind me in church who sings off key  
because it means that I can hear.  
...lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning  
and the repairs that need fixing, because it means I have a home.  
...my heating bill because it means that I am warm.  
...weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day  
because it means that I have been productive.  
...for the piles of laundry, because it means that I have clothes to wear.  
And finally ... for our God in Heaven who cares not only for me but for all people. ♥

**Prayer before Thanksgiving Dinner:**

Our Father in Heaven,  
We give thanks for the pleasure  
of gathering together for this occasion.  
We give thanks for this food  
prepared by loving hands.  
We give thanks for life,  
the freedom to enjoy it all  
and our many blessings.  
As we enjoy this food,  
we pray for health and strength  
to continue on and to live as You would want us.  
This we ask in the name of Christ,  
Our Heavenly Father.  
Amen



**Tuesday, October 14**

8:00 am – in honour of our Lady of Fatima – Maria C.

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

**Wednesday, October 15**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ MURRAY DELMAR DAVIS – Ildiko and Robertt

+ MADELINE WALSH – Selwyn and Jacki

+ ROXY ZINKANN – Doreen and Tony

+ MARY NOVAK – Novak and Floresco families

+ MARIA NGUYEN - Thanh

**CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm**

**Thursday, October 16**

8:00 am + PAT NICHOLSON – Paul, Min & Luona

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

**Friday, October 17**

8:00 am+ DECEASED KOZDRON, SALINITRI, GORBARCZYK  
FAMILIES and DIANE – Stella and Richard

**CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

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

**Saturday, October 18**

**CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**5:00 pm + MANUEL DeVARGAS – Maria**

+ ALIN FIGUEIREDO – John

+ FRANKIE TORALBA – Ligaya family

+ HARRIETT MILNE – her family

- for the intentions of Klaus Steden – from Reggie

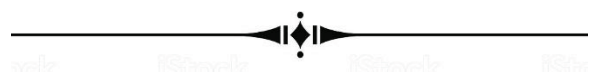
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Carmela and Tony Chaves

**Sunday, October 19 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am + STEPHEN GUETH – his parents**

**11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners**

**CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am**





**40daysforlife.com/kitchener**

**Daily until Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We invite you to join together with a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Locally, this peaceful vigil will be held across the street from the entrance to Freeport Hospital in Kitchener, between 7am and 7pm, daily. Sign-up online for a specific hour or just drop by during the time above to pray for mothers and unborn children.

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***The parish ladies' group "Daughters of the King"*** will next be held **October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** in the Church Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us!

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**"Be A Man" St. Ambrose Men's Group  
on Saturday mornings**

The men's group has resumed their Saturday morning gatherings. We invite all men 18 yrs of age and older, to come join us @ 7:00am, next Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Church hall. (not on Thanksgiving weekend)

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**October is devoted to the Holy Rosary**, and Pope Leo has asked us to participate in daily prayer:

*"I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community." He invites all of us to share with others "the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity."*

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**Waterloo Region Catholic Churches  
Jubilee Celebration Mass**

A Jubilee celebration will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Duke Street in Kitchener. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside the Jubilee Mass. All parishioners are invited to the celebration of this special Mass.



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**Christmas Shoe Box Campaign for  
Canadian Food for Children**

St. Gregory Church in Cambridge (Galt) has been doing this program for 23 years! They are inviting parishioners of St. Ambrose to participate by taking a shoebox home to fill with gifts to be sent to overseas children.

A letter with the full explanation of the procedure of filling the shoebox, and where to take it, is included in the box. Boxes will be available at our church, for pick-up, next weekend, October 19/20.

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**Catechism Program – begins Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
St. Ambrose Church**

Join Father Gary, and other parishioners, to delve deeper into our Catholic faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is the definitive summary of our Catholic beliefs and practices. Drawing from the riches of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, it highlights how our faith is rooted in the teachings of Christ and his apostles. The Catechism is an essential book for every Catholic to read and understand.

Over 20 sessions, we'll explore the core beliefs of the Catholic Faith, discover the historic ecumenical councils, unfold the biblical context of the Catechism, and deepen your understanding of God's plan for your life.

The evening begins with the opportunity for Confession at 6pm, then Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a 30-minute video, and discussion.

**Please register** your attendance through the parish office by phone or email.

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**Sisters of the Holy Trinity Mexico Missions  
Monthly Collection today**

Once a month, (*usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*) our parish has a separate collection which supports the Sisters of the Holy Trinity, who facilitate homes for girls who have been entrusted to their care. The Sisters provide a safe home and education to these girls, who otherwise may have found themselves living on the street or in abusive environment. Thank you for your support!

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**Mom & Tots Pray & Play:** Do you want to introduce your child/children to Eucharistic Adoration. Bring your children to adoration, and when you're ready, leave them to enjoy supervised play time with other children for the remaining time while you pray alone. This is held the LAST Monday 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](mailto:momtotsprayplay@gmail.com) Please register for the upcoming date of **Monday, October 27.**

**Volunteers welcome!** Grandmas, grandpas, or other adults, would you like a little play time with little ones? The ladies who attend the Moms' and Tots program could use your help at this once-a-month program, to help look after their little ones while they go to pray in our Adoration Chapel. It would only be 1½ hours. Please contact the parish office for information.

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