

# 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

Rose Capistrano - Youth Ministry

Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian

Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

**PARISH SCHOOLS:** St. Anne School 519-621-8920  
Holy Spirit School 519-621-8973

St. Vincent de Paul School 519-740-0678  
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.



- Married life
- Dedicated Single life
- Vowed religious life as Sisters, Monks, Brothers
- Priesthood or Deacon

A Vocation, in a religious context, is how God calls you to serve Him in the world.

God calls each of us, through Baptism and Confirmation, to serve Him in a specific way of life. We can follow God's call as a dedicated single person, married person, ordained priest or a vowed religious. It is important to first determine which way of life God is calling you to. This process of determining God's call for your life is known as "discernment".

When people speak of "vocation," they usually mean vocation in a state in life. Most Christians are called by God to be married people – men and women who dedicate their lives to each other. Some are called to the state of dedicated single people living in the world. But Jesus also chooses certain men to act in His Person through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the other sacrament - they are called to be priests. Others are called to a ministry of service as permanent deacons. And still others, both women and men, are called to what is known as consecrated life through religious life, expressed through solemn vows.

**The best way to discern your vocation is in prayer.**

Prayer, simply put, is having a real conversation with God. Spend quiet time with God reflecting on His call for your life. Don't look for an earth-shattering message that says "This is what you are to do!" God generally does not communicate like that.

Set aside time each day to speak with God about His plan for you. You can pray in your parish church or in a private place. You may choose to read the Scriptures or write in a journal as an aid to this process. God wants to speak to you, but you have to take time to listen for His quiet voice. Don't be afraid to ask. God will answer.

*Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being "good soil," by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of co-operating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful; proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives."*

Pope Francis  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
May 11, 2014

The Diocese of Hamilton has dedicated the month of October to the promotion of vocations in the Catholic Faith. What are the types of vocations?



**Monday, October 20**

7pm Mass

**Tuesday, October 21**

8:00 am – the intentions of Mary Cooper

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

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

**Wednesday, October 22**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURGATORY

- the intentions of Bernadette and Todd
- + TAMMI REID – Jacki and Selwyn
- + SHIRLEY CLEMENTS – Jackie and Dan
- + MARIA POCK – Fatima and Tony

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

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

**Thursday, October 23**

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

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

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

**Friday, October 24**

8:00 am + FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY WHO ARE FORGOTTEN

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

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

**Saturday, October 25**

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

**5:00 pm + MARIA ALBUQUERQUE – her family**

- + QUINTINO CORVAGLIA – his wife
- + DENISE BAKER – Jackie Krusky
- + BARRY KENT – Linda and Ken
- + RICHARD BYRNE – Helen McInnis
- + MILDRED KAVANAGH – Dale
- + MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie
- + TOM HICKEY – Barb and Dave
- + MARIA & JOSE TEIXEIRA - Laudalina

**Sunday, October 26 - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners**

**11:00 am + FILOMENA TEIXEIRA – Maria and Sandy**

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





### 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 are available to be picked up at the back of the Church today and next weekend.

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### Household Cleaner for the Parish rectory.

Father Gary is looking to hire a cleaner for the parish rectory, who could do so every two weeks. The number of hours is flexible. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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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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**THE CATHOLIC REGISTER**, Canada's oldest Catholic newspaper, is taking its next step into the digital age with the launch of its first podcast called "REGISTERED". It will go beyond the headlines to provide listeners with weekly insights into the stories shaping the Catholic World that were carried over all of its platforms, with a special focus on issues that matter most to Canadian Catholics. Check out the podcast for their weekly release: [podcast.catholicregister.org/](http://podcast.catholicregister.org/)

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**St. Ambrose Parish Youth Groups** – our next gatherings in the church hall will be Monday October 20 at 6pm in the Church Hall for students in grade 5 to 8; and Tuesday, October 28 for high school students at 6pm. For information, please email Rose at [youth@stambrosecambridge.ca](mailto:youth@stambrosecambridge.ca)

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**Just a reminder... on the last weekend of each month the St. Vincent de Paul Society** have their donation boxes at the church exits. Your financial support of those in need is greatly appreciated! There are requests from families and individuals daily asking for help with food. Representatives of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the church exits next weekend – Oct 25/26 to accept donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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### Catechism Program – began last week.

#### But not too late to join us!

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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**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** to help care for the children while moms go to the chapel to pray. Please phone the parish office for more information.

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### A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

– The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph** from 9 am to 4 pm on **November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required Register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under "upcoming events" or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

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