

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.

Saints Simon and Jude – October 28th

This week, the Church honours Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant.

Very little is known about these two Apostles, other than what is briefly mentioned about them in the New Testament, and even that is a little confusing. They are both listed among the Twelve whom Jesus names Apostles: Matthew 10:2–4; Mark 3:16–19; Luke 6:13–16; Acts 1:13.

This “Simon” is not Simon Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, but rather “Simon the Cananean” (Matthew and Mark) and “Simon the Zealot” (Luke and Acts). Both names mean the same thing. “Cananean” does not refer to the Land of Canaan but is a translation of an Aramaic word meaning “zealous.”

Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. Jesus did not have a favourite type of person. He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact.

Jude is referred to as “Judas son of James” (as written in Luke and Acts) and “Thaddeus” (as written in Matthew and Mark). The only other reference that is certain about Jude comes from John’s Gospel during the Last Supper in which Jude is referred to as “Judas, not the Iscariot...” (John 14:22). During the Last Supper, Jesus compassionately instructed His Apostles that He would soon be leaving them, but they should have courage and wait for His Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Jude, expressing a bit of confusion, asked Jesus, “Master, what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” In other words, Jude was asking Jesus why He doesn’t just manifest His divinity to everyone, in a clear and convincing way, so that they will all believe in Him. Jesus’ answer is mysterious, but He essentially points out that belief in Him must come by the inspired gift of faith, and that obedience to that faith, and to the will of God, will result in divine union.

As we honour these Apostles of Saint Simon and Saint Jude on October 28th, what we know for certain is that they were instrumental in the early Church. They bore the sacred responsibility of providing the Sacraments and the teachings of Jesus to an emerging Church. One day in Heaven, we will see clearly the effects of their pastoral ministry. Today, we rejoice in what we do not fully know, trusting that their lives gave great glory to God and won the salvation of many souls.



Monday, October 27

7:00 pm Mass + CRISTINA PALLIOTTI – Danyelle & Peter
(Confessions 6pm to 6:45 pm)
(Catechism study program afterwards for those who would like to stay)

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 am – for an end abortion and euthanasia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – John and Maria Correia
- for the intentions of Tony and Shirley Borges
- for the intentions of the Milne family
+ MARIA POCK – Patricia Fernandes
+ JOHN WALKER
+ DECEASED FAMILY of Carmen, and Personal intentions
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, October 30

8:00 am + JAMES DAVIDSON JR. – his wife
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, October 31

8:00 am- for the intentions of Lucia
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, November 1 – All Saints Day

8:00 am – Mass for Healing of the Family Tree
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + PAUL GASPAR – his family
+ DECEASED REGO and CORREIA FAMILIES – Maria & John
+ DECEASED HURST and KRETE FAMILIES – Jackie
+ PAULO FERREIRA – Laudalina
+ LINDA OROSZ – Horvath family

Sunday, November 2 – All Souls Day

9:00 am + DECEASED FAMILY of Bice and Frank Rinaldi
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

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 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.

Baptism of school age children: Do you know of someone who has children attending Catholic elementary school, but their child is not baptized. In order to receive the sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion or Confirmation, a child must be first baptized Catholic. Last minute requests often cause a delay in receiving these sacraments, until such a time as the parents have attended our preparation program. For information, please phone the parish office.

The Federation of North American Explorers (FNE Explorers) offers a unique, potentially positive life-changing experience for the young, and the not so young, who choose to join the FNE family.

We help support parental efforts to raise responsible, loving, caring, happy Christ-centered children. We help support the whole child's development from a spiritual, social, educational, environmental, and physical perspective.

More information will be available after the 11am Mass on **Sunday, November 9** in St. Ambrose parish hall. Also, visit the FNE website at www.fneexplorers.com or email dmitry.kotov84@gmail.com for more information.

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. 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 under upcoming events or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

On behalf of Bishop Crosby:

JUBILEE YEAR “**HEROES OF HOPE**” for October in the Diocese of Hamilton are “those who promote human life and dignity!” This includes multiple “ministries of care” for the poor, sick, homeless, migrant workers, those with mental health issues, support to the Indigenous through the Reconciliation Fund and international development programs worldwide! In our parishes, this includes St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women’s League of Canada and Knights of Columbus. Through these organizations, and many other local groups, HOPE is constantly renewed and faith shared with those in need. Compassionate care ministries remind each one of their dignity, and that they are loved by God!

How many parishioners today?

As a directive from the Diocese of Hamilton, we will have volunteers counting the number of parishioners at each Mass this weekend (Oct 25/26). This will be done while you are seated for the readings.

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul (SSVP) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Please

Our parish has a dedicated small group of volunteers who facilitate our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They are an extraordinary group! But more help is always welcome. Parishioners, 18 years and older, are welcome to join SSVP as volunteers. As a volunteer, there is the opportunity to use your unique talents and gifts to participate in charity works that uplift our neighbours who are in need. For more details, please contact Joe at 519-241-6070 or leave a message on the SSVP line 519-623-8764 and someone will call you back.

Vocations Dance – November 7th, 2025 - Mount Mary Ancaster Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a talk, dance instruction, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online registration required by Monday, November 3rd. Space is limited. No tickets at the door. For registration and more details, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/> For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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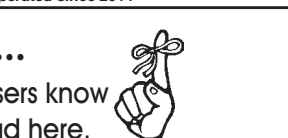
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