

# 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

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## 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.

## Our Lady of the Rosary

OCTOBER 7

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Our Blessed Mary because we pray

a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto, in Greece, on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a special prayer because as we recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.



**Tuesday, October 7** – Our Lady of the Rosary  
8:00 am + INES & JOSE DeSOUSA – Elsa and Noella

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

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

**Wednesday, October 8**

7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY

+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY – Tina

+ THERESA DUNN MURPHY

+ BRUNA COCCO – Anna

- Intentions of Lucia

- Intentions of Deidre Bolger

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

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

**Thursday, October 9**

8:00 am – in thanksgiving from Marie and Theresa

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

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

**Friday, October 10**

8:00 am – Intentions of Tony & Shirley Borges

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

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

**Saturday, October 11**

8:00 am – Mass for healing of the family tree

(2,000 Hail Marys will be held beginning after 8am and will continue throughout the day.)

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

**5:00 pm** + MARC & RITA VILLENEUVE – Margie

+ MARIA & JOSIE TEIXEIRA – Laudalina

+ TOM HICKEY – Barb and Dave

+ ROMAN COVE – his grandmother

+ JOHN JOSEPH BYRNE JR. his family

**Sunday, October 12** – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am** + DAVID WOZNUK – his mom and dad

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

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



**Saturday, October 11**  
**Rosary Procession**

Please join us for our first  
annual candlelight Marian  
procession on **Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**following the 5pm Mass.** Countless

saints have spoken of the importance of the Rosary and devotion to the Mother of God, as a great weapon to counter the difficulties of our times. Please join us in asking Our Lady's intercession for our parish, our families and our world. Invite your family and friends to join us!



**Ages 11 to 13** are welcome to the next gathering on Monday, October 6 & 20th, 6pm to 8pm in the Church Hall.

**Ages 14 to 18** are welcome on Tuesday, October 14 & 28 6pm to 8pm. Join us in the Church Hall for **Faith – Fun – Friendship!** Snacks provided. Email Rose if you have questions: Youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

**Thank you for sponsoring Deacon Paul Klaassen, on the *Walk for Life*:** When sending in your sponsorship donations please include your name and address. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket or brought to the parish office.

**SPANISH MASS & RETREAT:** You are invited to St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper Street in Hespeler, on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. for a Spanish Mass and retreat. This retreat will end with Eucharistic Adoration. Topic “Jesus sana las heridas del corazón y nos llena de Esperanza”, Guest speakers: Fr. Gustavo Jamut and Fr. Diego Gonzalez from Argentina. Fee: \$15. For more information contact Carmen: (905) 483-9481 or Erika: (519) 222-6333.

***The parish ladies' group "Daughters of the King" will not be held October 7<sup>th</sup>, but will gather again on Tuesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm in the Church Hall.***

**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.

## Diocesan Vocations Month

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday our parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person.

For more information about praying for vocations, visit:  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>

*Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** (*lectors*) In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, techniques to good Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. Participants receive a mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Saturday, November 9, 2024, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hamilton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants are to register through the website **hamiltondiocese.com** under “Upcoming events”

A reminder that we have a **main floor washroom** at the back of the church, with a child change table.



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