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. Nick Cherri - Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Klaassen - Deacon
Barbara Roy - Administrative Assistant
Myra Klaassen - Parish Ministry
Sarah Kwiecinski - Youth Ministry
Sandy Figueiredo - Sacristan/Custodian
Carol Renner - rectory housekeeper

PARISH SCHOOLS:

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.

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.

Guardian Angels – Feast Day October 2

Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly journey by assisting us in all ways, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. In Matthew's Gospel it says: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, we are surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "*Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life* (336)." This feast appeared in Spain during the sixteenth century. It was extended to the universal Church and made obligatory in 1670.

My sweet Guardian Angel, you are my intercessor every day of my life. Speak for me to the Lord. Ask Him to help me see His loving face. Speak to him about my life and whisper my prayers into his ear so that I may be the person that God is calling me to be. Amen!

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will open at the Vatican on October 4, 2023. A synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss topics of theological or pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope.

For the first time, about 21% of the voting delegates in the 2023 Synod of Bishops on Synodality will not be only bishops, and 70 delegates will be chosen directly by the pope from among a list of 140 laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons selected by the leadership of this year's continental synod meetings.

The Vatican issued a working document called the "*Instrumentum Laboris*" to guide the discussions at the first global assembly of the Synod on Synodality.

The document highlights a desire for new institutional bodies to allow for greater participation in decision-making by the "people of God."

Read about this special Synod on their website:
www.synod.va/en

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 3
8:00 am + SOUL OF PETER AND JOSEPH – Theresa Tran
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, October 4
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ ANTONY MARYUEN – Galera family
+ MANUEL LOPES
+ KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, & SALINITRI FAMILIES
- intentions of Susan Morphew and family – Cecilia & Aldwin
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, October 5
8:00 am + PEARL FLER – Mary Domianczuk
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, October 6
8:00 am + JOSEPH NGUYEN - Thanh
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, October 7
8:00 am **–** Healing of the Family Tree Mass

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + INES & JOSE DeSOUSA – Noella and Elsa
+ MARIA HELENA FURTADO & FAMILY
+ MILDRED KAVANAGH – Terry
+ WILLIE & VERN LIX – Pat Windsor

Sunday, October 8
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + ZORINA SALLY THORNE
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

2000 Hail Mary Devotions – Saturday October 14. Mass at 8:00 am, followed by praying of the Rosary all day. You are welcome to join -in at any time during the day.

Alpha Film Series

St. Ambrose will host the Alpha Film Series, starting **Friday, October 6 at 6:00 pm**. Alpha was filmed from all around the world and features many inspiring stories and interviews. Join Nickey Gumbel, Toby Flint and Gemma Hunt as they unpack the basics of the Christian faith in a way that everyone can relate to.

Each Alpha evening begins with a sit-down meal in the parish hall at St. Ambrose Church. Alpha is an excellent program for someone who is not a Christian but would like to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith. It is also for Christians who are looking to reconnect with the practice of their faith as well as connecting with the faith community.

Please register your attendance by phoning the parish office 519.621.2013

or email: **stambrose@golden.net**

"Be A Man" men's group will resume their weekly gatherings on Saturday October 14th, in St. Ambrose Church Hall Saturday mornings from **7:00 am to 8:30 am**. All men welcome, 18 years and older. Come and join us for good conversation, fellowship and coffee and muffins. For info call Joe - 519-241-6070

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Is your marriage causing constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille (*retro-vai*) a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com

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To enter the Church for weekday & Wednesday night Masses:

The only door that will be unlocked to enter the church will be the door on the parking lot side, closest to the handicap ramp. (nearest the dumpster)

Forward Together in Christ

Please keep in your prayers the Diocese of Hamilton initiative called "Forward Together in Christ" as both clergy, laity, and schools continue to discuss ways in which we can bring unity. How do we re-balance the relationships between Bishop and clergy, clergy and laity, school and parish, faith life and secular life? All of these relationships need to be discussed and together, we will find the way forward. This seems like a daunting task, but we are called to go *Forward Together in Christ.* We do not have to do this alone. Christ is our Shepherd, our King, our healer. Where He leads, we the sheep of His flock will follow. We know that He will lead us into good pastures: pastures of healing, unity, forgiveness and abundance of new life. Each of us, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Associates, and laity must be open to allowing the healing and forgiveness of Christ to wash over us and be willing to offer this same healing and forgiveness to all we meet, and especially those we feel have hurt or wronged us.

If we go **Forward Together in Christ**, we know that we will go in the right direction and that we will truly be living as disciples of Jesus, living as builders of His Kingdom.

For more info visit **hamiltondiocese.com**

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "***Daughters of the King***" will meet on **Tuesday, October 3** in the Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm. Please invite a friend to join us!

All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myra at the parish office.

"Walk for Life" sponsor donations – thank you for sponsoring Deacon Nick Cherri. When providing your sponsorship money, please make cheques payable to "Cambridge Right to Life". If paying by cash, please make sure to include your name and address on your envelope. This helps to verify who has paid. Thank you!

Catholic Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music.

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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