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.

Holy Smoke! Why do we use incense in Church?

"Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!" Psalm 141:2

Listen to me, O you holy sons, and bud like a rose growing by a stream of water; send forth fragrance like frankincense, and put forth blossoms like a lily. Scatter the fragrance, and sing a hymn of praise; bless the Lord for all his works. —Sirach 39: 13-14

Incense has been used in Christian liturgy from its earliest days. In fact, it continued the Jewish tradition that came before it—a tradition that was commanded by God Himself and recorded in Sacred Scripture.

For example, God commanded Moses to make an Altar of Incense for worship:

You shall make an altar to burn incense upon; of acacia wood shall you make it . . . And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations. Exodus 30:1-10

God also gave instruction on how the incense should be made through a "holy recipe":

And the Lord said to Moses, "*Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense (of each shall there be an equal part), and make an incense blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy; and you shall beat some of it very small, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you; it shall be for you most holy. And the incense which you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be for you holy to the Lord. Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from his people."*

Exodus 30:34-38

From these passages and others, we can infer that incense was part of a ritual cleansing and purification of the sacred space of the Tabernacle, making it a worthy place for the worship of God according to His divine terms. In fact, frankincense—mentioned frequently in the Bible—is now known to have antiseptic and disinfectant properties.

The New Testament also records the use of incense. Frankincense was one of the precious gifts brought by the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus—a sign of His role as priest in addition to His roles as prophet and king.

When we see incense at Mass, it should remind us that our worship of God in the liturgy is divine in origin. Incense also reminds us that our prayer rises to God like the smoke from the censer, purifying our worship of Him, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and make us holy.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 17
8:00 am + FRANCISCO & ANA PEREIRA and ALL SOULS
- Mrs. daSilveira
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through the parking lot side door.
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ MARK VALENTINO CHAVES – Carmela and Tony
+ JOANNE CARRUTHERS – Cambridge Right to Life
+ WILLIE LIX – Anneliese and Klaus
- for the intentions of the Devasia family
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, October 19
8:00 am – for the intentions of Christine Furlong - Frances
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, October 20
8:00 am + MARIA NGUYEN - Thanh
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, October 21
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm + HARRY and MADELINE MERRALL
+ DECEASED FAMILY OF Maria & Silvino Chaves
+ MARIANNE WOZNUK LAHEY – her mother
+ MARK CHAVES, RICK OLIVEIRA & DALIA – Maria Correia

Sunday, October 22
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + DUARTE MEDEIROS – Deb and Mark
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

"Daughters of the King" ladies' group will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm in St. Ambrose Church Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us!

Children's Liturgy at 11am Sunday Mass

Our Children's Liturgy program is offered at **11:00 am Mass**. At the beginning of Mass children will be invited to come forward to follow the facilitator downstairs to our Children's Liturgy room. At the offertory, the children will return upstairs and sit as a group in the front pews for the remainder of Mass. (no registration required) Children in JK to Grade 2 welcome!

The Pope's Intention for October

October is a special month for the entire Church because the Synodal Assembly will take place in Rome. And "when the Church is in Synod," the Pope reminds us, "this synodal dynamic alone carries its missionary vocation forward." "Mission is at the heart of the Church," Pope Francis says in the video that accompanies his prayer intention, created and produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. "Through prayer and discernment, the Holy Spirit helps us carry out the 'apostolate of the ear' that is, listening with God's ears in order to speak with the word of God." Since the Synod is "a journey," its objective is "to reach out to everyone, to seek everyone, to welcome everyone, to involve everyone, without excluding anyone." Let us open our hearts and "pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level."

"Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries."

Is your child interested in becoming an altar server? We welcome children in grade 4 and older to become altar servers for our Masses. Training is provided. Please contact the parish office for information.

Rest in Peace, Father Terry Sehl, who passed away September 25, 2023. Father Terry was retired, and previous served as an Associate Priest at St. Ambrose from 1994-1997. Please pray that Rev. Terence Sehl may receive the reward of a good and faithful servant for his ministry to God's people.

Prayers for the Sick – weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome as we pray for those who are living with illness and in need of our prayerful support.

Please enter through the parking lot side door.

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to St. Ambrose Parish!

Several parishioners have been using the online donation portal called "CanadaHelps". The link to this portal can be found on our parish website:

stambrosecambridge.ca

Be A Man men's group is meeting weekly on Saturday mornings, in St. Ambrose Church Hall 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

Young Adults Night – Brantford

November 4, 2023

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

Schedule for the Evening: 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) on Saturday, November 4th at **Saint Pius X Church at 9 Waverly Street, Brantford, Ontario.**

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Regarding Donations to the Church: To ensure proper credit for an income tax receipt there must be the donor's name and address on the envelope to be able to record the donation.

- If you are using outdated church envelopes, please contact the parish to receive 2023 envelopes.
- If you are using your own envelope, it must have your name, home address, and donation date on the front of the envelope.

To request church donation envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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