St. Ambrose Church

210 South Street, Cambridge ON N1R 2P4 519-621-2013
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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.

World Mission Day 2023
HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE
Sunday, October 22, 2023
Special Collection today!

Excerpt from Pope Francis' letter:

Dear brothers and sisters!
"For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way."

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond through our generosity we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 24
8:00 am + FERNANDA daSILVEIRA – her parents
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, October 25
1:00 pm – Prayers for the Sick - everyone welcome. Please enter through parking lot side door.
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel Andrade
+ TONY LOPES – Fatima and Tony
+ MARIA DEOLINDA PEREIRA
+ ANTONIO LOPES
+ MARIA NGUYEN – Thanh
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, October 26
8:00 am + DECEASED KOZDRON, GORBARCZYK, SALINITRI and ORGANISCIAK FAMILIES
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, October 27
8:00 am + AGNES McCRORY – her son
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, October 28
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm – for the intentions of Colleen & Tom Best
+ BRUNO BERLLAN – Zelia
+ RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Antonio and Maria Chaves
+ PIERINA MAGLIOCCO – her family

Sunday, October 29 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am + SOULS IN PURATORY – Mary Crowder
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

All Souls Day

Praying for Our Faithful Departed

Thursday, **November 2nd** Catholics around the world will commemorate "All Souls Day".
At St. Ambrose Parish will have two Masses – 8:00 am and 7:00 pm, to pray for the souls of our family members and friends who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Mass Cards: It is the custom of Catholics, on the occasion of death, to request that a Mass be offered for the soul of the deceased. The Diocese of Hamilton suggests an offering of $10.00 per Mass. The presentation of a Mass card to the bereaved is a beautiful expression of sympathy to those who mourn. It is also a powerful expression of our faith in the Lord's promise of eternal life and a loving gift to the faithful departed.
Mass cards for the intentions of the living are also available.

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 almost daily asking for help with food

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Life changes are never easy.

After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated.
Are you in need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Do you want to share and learn with others?
Are you ready to learn the skills for your journey?
Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'.
Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month – 7:30-8:30 pm
October 17, November 21, December 19, 2023
Gathering in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W in Waterloo.
To register: Phone 519-884-9311
Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

Pope Francis reminds us, '*the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak… the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems*.'

For 2024:
IF you are NOT currently using Church donation envelopes and would like to do so for 2024, please contact the parish office to have this arranged.
Parishioners who are currently using Church envelopes will automatically be given a new set. These will be available in early December.

Deacon Nick thanks everyone who sponsored him for the "Walk for Life" which was held in September. This is the primary fundraiser for Cambridge Right to Life, which is a registered not-for-profit organization whose mandate is to educate the community on abortion and related life issues. They provide a voice for the unborn, women hurt by abortion, the infirm, those with disabilities and the aged. Website cambridgerighttolife.ca

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Children's Catechism Program

Religious education for Grades 1 - 8

The Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate will offer a children's religious education program, **on Tuesday evenings from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in St. Ambrose Church Hall**, **starting October 24, 2023.** The program is open to all students to enrich their understanding of their Catholic faith and to prepare for their Sacraments.
Register at by email catechesis@solisisters.ca

2024 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase for $5.00. These will be available in November.
2024 Religious wall calendars will be available for $4.00. These will be available in November.

FREE Gentle Exercise Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays in St. Ambrose Church Hall
11:15 am to 12 noon

Regular gentle exercise contributes to overall health and well being; management of chronic conditions; prevention decease of falls; improved mental health. Men and women welcome. Enter the hall parking lot side entrance. Facilitated by a qualified instructor from Community Support Connections. For more information, please contact Myra at 519-621-2013.

FREE metal chairs: our parish has several metal chairs to be given away that were previously used in the Church Hall. If you would like a some, please contact the parish office.

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