St. Ambrose Church

210 South Street, Cambridge ON N1R 2P4 519-621-2013
Email: stambrose@golden.net Website: stambrosecambridge.ca

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.

St. John Chrysostom – September 13

"If the Lord should give you power to raise the dead, He would give much less than He does when he bestows suffering. By miracles you would make yourself debtor to Him, while by suffering He may become debtor to you. And even if sufferings had no other reward than being able to bear something for that God who loves you, is not this a great reward and a sufficient remuneration? Whoever loves, understands what I say."
-St. John Chrysostom

Born in Antioch, c. 347, Saint John Chrysostom (which means Golden-mouthed) was perhaps the greatest preacher in the history of the Church, thus the name given him, and the most prominent Greek father of the Church.

He grew up in Antioch, received an excellent classical Greek education, and upon meeting the holy bishop Meletus, he decided to devote his time to the study of religious works and the Sacred Scriptures. He received Baptism after three years of study and set out for the desert to live the ascetic life of a hermit.

His extreme mortifications left him in fragile health, and he thus returned to Antioch after two years of recovery, and devoted himself to studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in 386 and served in the Cathedral of Antioch for 12 years, winning widespread fame for his sublime preaching.

In 398 he was forcefully appointed Patriarch of Constantinople, and fast became very popular with his flock through his example of preaching and courage in front of the imperial power, whose corruption and decadence he never shirked from criticizing in public.

This attitude naturally made an enemy of the empress, Eudoxia as well as Theophilus, bishop of Alexandria, who had him condemned on false charges in 403. He was exiled to Armenia where he continued to be a great presence in the Church of the East through his many letters. He was exiled from Armenia to an isolated place along the Black Sea. He died during the journey in 407 in Pontus, his ill health unable to endure its rigors.

In 438 the Emperor Theodosius II of Constantinople had John's body returned to Constantinople, and did penance for the sins of his mother Eudoxia.

Chrysostom's many writings, especially homilies and commentaries on the Gospels, are still extant and have exerted great influence over the centuries.

"When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration." - St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday, September 12
8:00 am + TIAGO & DEOLINDA LARANJEIRO
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ STEPHEN NEWEKE EZEANYA
+ JOANNE CARRUTHERS – Cambridge Right to Life
+ JORGIANA MELO & DECEASED FAMILY – Tina
+ GIL & MARIA FERNANDES - Tina
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 am + WILLIE LIX – Ben and Chris McCabe
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 am + EMILIA PUIM – Oliva Melo
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, September 16
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

5:00 pm Mass + CATHERINE DECKER – Keith
+ FRANK & MARIA PEREIRA – Manuel & Elsa
+ MARIE HILTS & DECEASED D'ARCY FAMILY
+ RON KURT –Aldwin & Cecilia
- intentions of the Kurt Family
+MARY AND GERRY BRISSON - Keith

Sunday, September 17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + ADELINA & JOHN SOUSA – their family
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

Ministry of the Word (Lectors)

We invite parishioners to volunteer as Lectors for weekend Masses. The Diocese provides a one-day workshop in October for training. Please consider assisting with this Ministry, as we are in great need of more readers.
Please contact Barb at the parish office for information.

Alpha 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

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R.C.I.A.

The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is an experience of personal formation and spiritual growth for individuals who are interested in exploring what it takes to become disciples of Jesus in the Catholic tradition. It is also for adult Catholics who wish to receive preparation for the Eucharist and Confession for the first time; and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The RCIA experience incorporates the use of videos, discussion, gathering with the faith community, prayer and time for individual reflection. RCIA start October 6 at St. Ambrose Parish. Please phone the parish office to register 519.621.2013.

Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass

Begins September 17th

Our Children's Liturgy program, held at the 11am Sunday Mass, welcomes children from JK to grade 2. The children wait with their parents in the congregation until Father Gary invites them to come forward at the beginning of Mass. With the adult facilitator, they proceed downstairs to the children's room to hear the Word of God in simplified language and discuss what they have learned. During the offertory, they proceed back upstairs to the church to sit as a group in the front pews for the remainder of Mass.

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "*Daughters of the King*" will meet on Tuesday, September 19th in the Church Hall, for a potluck supper/social from 6pm to 8pm. Please invite a friend to join us!

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

The youth of St. Ambrose parish would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who were able to join us for the Ice Cream Social fundraiser we hosted on August 20th. Because of your immense generosity, we were able to raise $725.00! Thank you for your support of this important ministry! Please continue to pray for the young people of the church, that they may grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE will be holding their annual "Walk for Life" fundraiser this month to continue their work of defending "Life" from conception till natural death. The 5k walk will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at the Grace Bible Church, 2 Grand Ave South (Queen's Square) with registration at 9:30. Our parish **Deacon Nick Cherri** will participate again this year. His sponsor sheets are at the back of our Church. **Parishioners are also welcome to participate and sponsor sheets are available at the back of the Church.**

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40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion locations.

40 Days for Life Kitchener-Waterloo
3570 King Street East Kitchener,
Please NOTE, the vigil site is located on the opposite side of Freeport Hospital, on the grass. September 27 to November 5, 2023 40dayskw@gmail.com
https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kitchener

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