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.

"Blessed" Ulma family a model of Christian care for others Polish Family Beatified

Pope Francis spoke of the beatification of the 9 members of the Ulma family in Poland, and praises their heroism for giving their lives to save Jews during World War II.

The nine members of the Ulma family were beatified on Sunday September 10th in their Polish hometown of Markowa, where they were martyred by Nazi soldiers for harbouring Jews during World War II.

Pope Francis upheld the family's actions as model of Christian life for everyone to follow, as he spoke at the Angelus prayer on Sunday.

He called the Ulma family "a model to imitate in our efforts to do good and serve those who are in need."

"In response to the hatred and violence that characterized those times, they embraced evangelical love," he said.

The Pope added that the Polish family "represented a ray of light in the darkness of the Second World War" and invited everyone to offer a round of applause for the new Blessed family.

Pope Francis went on to urge Christians to follow their example by "opposing strength of arms with charity, and violent rhetoric with tenacious prayer."

"*May we [pray] especially for the many countries that suffer due to war," he said. "In a special way, let us intensify our prayers for martyred Ukraine… which is suffering greatly."*

Beatification Mass

Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, presided over the beatification Mass in Markowa, which was concelebrated by 7 Cardinals and 1,000 priests, with over 32,000 faithful registered to attend.

The beatified family members are Jozef and Viktoria Ulma, and their children Stanisława, Barbara, Władysław, Franciszek, Antoni, Maria, and an unnamed child who was born at the moment of Viktoria's martyrdom, as she was pregnant at the time of her execution.

In his homily at the Mass, Cardinal Semeraro said the Ulma's family home became "an inn where the despised, outcast, and death-stricken was welcomed and cared for."

He said Jozef and Wiktoria lived "a holiness that was not only marital but was fully embedded in their entire family."

Blessed unnamed-babe

Cardinal Semeraro also upheld the Christian witness of the newly-beatified unnamed child.

"Without ever having uttered a word," he said, "today the little Blessed cries out to the modern world to welcome, love, and protect life, especially that of the defenseless and marginalized, from the moment of conception until natural death."

He said the child's "innocent voice seeks to shake the consciences of a society where abortion, euthanasia, and contempt for life seen as a burden and not a gift are rampant."

"The Ulma family," said the Cardinal, "encourages us to react to that throwaway culture, which Pope Francis denounces."

Tuesday, September 19
8:00 am + MARK COSTELO – his family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 20
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY
+ SR. MARY VIVIAN IHESE
+ RON MORPHEW – Cecilia and Aldwin
- intentions of Mr. Mrs. Lopes – Maria Pock
- intentions of Carlos Trindade
CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, September 21
8:00 am – intentions of Josephine Lau & Gisele Mina
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, September 21
8:00 am – the intentions of Lucia Cekan
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, September 23
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + MARIA ESTELA LOPES and FAMILY
+ DECEASED FAMILY of Maria and Silvino Chaves
- intentions of Siohban Humston – Cecilia and Aldwin
- intentions of Jim Jones – Francis Oram
- in honour of Padre Pio – from Mrs. Teresi

Sunday, September 24
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am – the intentions of Phyl Arthur – Anneliese & Klaus

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

Please sponsor our Deacon, Nick Cherri, for the **Cambridge Walk for Life**. His sponsor sheets are at the back of the Church. When giving your sponsorship money, please make cheques payable to "Cambridge Right to Life."

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

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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 SEARCH: *The Search* is an innovative video series, that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The six-week series will run on **Thursday evenings starting September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Cambridge,** in the parish centre**.** Registration not required. Everyone is welcome.

The **Knights of Columbus Galt Council 2184** will hold their next meeting on Monday, September 25 at 7pm, at St. Patrick Church hall, 53 Wellington St. Cambridge.

St. Ambrose Parish Youth Groups:

Elementary students in grade 6 to 8 – every Thursday night from 6:30 pm to 8pm in the Church Hall.

High School students – Tuesday, Sept 28 6:30 pm to 8pm, in the Church hall.

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 Friday, October 6 at St. Ambrose Parish. Please phone the parish office to register 519.621.2013

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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.

KW location at: 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

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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Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11am Mass

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 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. Registration not required.

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