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.

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul – September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies.

He spent his life preaching missions and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of women, as well as a religious institute of priests referred to as the Vincentians.

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to Vincentian priests, St. Vincent co-founded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint, located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729. Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. The Bull of Canonization recognized Vincent for his charity and reform of the clergy. It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27. ***Thank you to all present and past volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You continue the historic ministry of the Society's founder in the care of the poor and marginalized in our community.***

Tuesday, September 26
8:00 am + MARIANNE WOZNUK LAHEY – her mom
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 27 – St Vincent de Paul
7:00 pm Mass + SOULS IN PURATORY
- for the living and deceased volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
+ SAMANTHA DeSOUSA – her parents
+ JOAO LARANJEIRO – Fatima and Tony
+ AURORA CALCAO – Mario
- for the intentions of Shirley and Tony Borges

CONFESSIONS at 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

Thursday, September 28
8:00 am – for the intentions of Laurenz Capistrano
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, September 29
8:00 am + CATHERINE DECKER – Gerry, Sonia & family
CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, September 30
CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + RICARDO OLIVEIRA – Ilda Oliveira
+ ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – her husband
+ TERESINHA ANDRADE – Manuel and family
+ MARIA LEONORA ROSA – Maria DaSilva
+ ANIBAL LOURO – his wife

Sunday, October 1 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + PATRICK & LINDA O'BRIEN - Joan
CONFESSIONS: 8:00 to 8:45 am and 10:15 am to 10:45 am

A WARM WELCOME to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you

Alpha Program 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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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

MARIAN DAY at the
Basilica of Our Lady, in Guelph
Saturday October 7, 2023

9:00 am – Confessions; 10:00 am - Holy Mass;
11:00 am - Rosary Procession
12:00 noon - Lunch (please bring your own)
1:00 pm - Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis
2:00 pm – Benediction
Cardinal Collins will be the celebrant.

For the last Marian Day of this year, there will be the "Regina Caeli Tea" after the Rosary procession. Ticket cost $25.00. **Register** by calling the Basilica: 1-519-824-3951

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their donation boxes at the church exits Sept30/October 1st. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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, unless you are using Church provided envelopes.

- If you are using outdated church envelopes, please contact the parish to receive 2023 envelopes. **Do not use prior years envelopes**.
- If you are using your own envelope, it must have your name, home address, and donation date on the front of the envelope. However, it would be preferrable to use church donation envelopes. To obtain these, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

The St. Ambrose Elementary Youth Group for children in grades 6 to 8 meets every Thursday from 6:30pm - 8pm in the church hall. Come to grow in faith, make new friendships, and have fun! If your child is new to the group, please arrive a few minutes early to complete a registration form. We hope to see you there!

High School Youth Group at St. Ambrose Church Hall: Tuesday, September 26; October 10; October 24th from 6:30 – 8 pm.

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!

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Opening Rally OPENING RALLY
Monday, September 25th

Join us for Holy Mass at 7pm and then for refreshments and fellowship, as well as a chance to sign up for hours!

At Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street Kitchener, at 7:00 PM. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion - Sept 27 to Nov 5, 2023.

40 Days for Life Vigil for Kitchener-Waterloo is held at:
3570 King Street East Kitchener (across the street from Freeport Hospital)
https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kitchener

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