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.

Children…the future of our Faith

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

For most students, this week is the beginning of another school year. For many parents, it meant returning to their regular routine. I pray, by the grace of the Heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, that all of you, the children, the parents, and educators may successfully achieve your short-term and long-term goals in the coming months; and for the joy and peace of Christ to reign in your families.

The parish of St. Ambrose welcomes children to take part in learning and celebrating the Mass. Attending Mass is something children learn to do with their families. It can be hard for children to understand why they have to quietly sit for an hour and not know what is going on. Remember that children learn "Mass etiquette" as they watch you. Take time after Mass to walk through the church and point out and explain different things such as the tabernacle, baptismal font, altar, and so on.

For senior parishioners or parishioners without children, please greet and welcome other families; express joy at having the children at Mass and have patience as they grow as children of God. It may be easy to get distracted by children or mentally criticize another parent for not having better control of a situation. Before letting yourself feel disrupted by a young child, consider to offer support first. We want all members of our parish (both young and adults) to feel welcome. If you should feel that you are unable to concentrate around young children, try to understand how the parent of the little one may feel as they try their best to comfort their own and not to draw additional attention to themselves. They are our future and they will learn their place in our faith family from us!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 5
8:00 am – Living and deceased family and friends of Marie and Theresa

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 6
7:00 pm + SOULS IN PURATORY – Lopes family
+ Desiree Lew
+ EUGENIO PAIVA – Bernadette
+ MRS. CANTO – her family

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

Thursday, September 7
8:00 am – for the intentions of Lucia Cekan

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Friday, September 8
8:00 am + Mr. & Mrs. Kuruvilla - Deepa

CONFESSIONS at 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 – 9:30 am

Saturday, September 9
8:00 am + WILLIE LIX – Phyl Arthur
2,000 Hail Mary Devotions will be held all day, beginning after 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate for a few minutes, a few hours, or all day.

CONFESSIONS at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
5:00 pm Mass + NICHOLAS RIBEIRO – his family
+ LEONARDO DoCOUTO – his family
+ JOHN VEILETTE – Betty Jackman
+ JOSE & MARIA SILVEIRA – Mrs. daSilveira

Sunday, September 10
9:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners
11:00 am + MANUEL DeVARGAS - Maria

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

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new phone number? Please inform the parish office so that our parishioner information database can be updated. Thank you

Becoming a Catholic or Catholics completing the Sacraments of Initiation

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, in what we believe, and how we seek to live our faith in Jesus Christ you are invited to the **RCIA program *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults),*** which will be held **Friday nights in St. Ambrose Church Hall, beginning Friday October 6 at 7:00 pm.**

Those who have not been baptized, are invited to participate in this process of formation, culminating with the reception of the sacraments of *Christian Initiation* (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the annual Easter Vigil.

Those who are already baptized in another Christian denomination, and would like to enter into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, would be prepared to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Adult baptized Catholics who have not yet received their sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation are also welcome for this preparation process.

We are always eager to share our faith and so welcome your inquiry! Please register by contacting the parish office.

Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society

With summer break over for our students, +- the request for food assistance continues. Please consider donating items that can be used for children's school lunches: juice boxes, breakfast cereals, jam, peanut free granola bars, fruit cups, canned meats, or financial donations so that we can buy grocery store gifts cards can be purchased to give to those in need.

Scan this QR Code to donate to St. Ambrose Parish, through the CanadaHelps website.
Pre-authorized donations can be set-up through CanadaHelps.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, September 7, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

St. Ambrose Ladies' group, "*Daughters of the King*" will meet on Tuesday, September 19th in the Church Hall, for a potluck supper. Please invite a friend to join us! (NO gathering on Tuesday, Sept 5th)
All ladies are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Myra at the parish office.

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!

St. Ambrose High School Youth Group

High School age students are welcome - Tuesday, Sept 12 and 26, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in our Church Hall.
If you have questions, please contact Sarah at 519.621.2013 or youth@stambrosecambridge.ca

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Youth Weekend Retreat

Invitation to young people age 12 to 21 - You are invited to CFC – Youth's Camp/Retreat - a 3-day, 2-night retreat happening on September 8 to 10, 2023 at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf, in Rockwood, Ontario. It will start at 7:00pm on Friday, September 8th and will end at 2:00pm on Sunday, September 10th. The fee is $135.00, which covers lodging, all meals and retreat materials for the weekend. For more information, please contact Leonard and Mary Rose Capistrano at maryrosecapistrano@hotmail.com

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Join the Divine Conversation

Saturday, Sept 9

At St. Patrick Church, 53 Wellington St. 9am to 11:30 am

St. Patrick CWL invite all women to enjoy a presentation by **Anne Jamieson**, author of the book "Joining the Divine Conversation." Anne is the Executive Director of the Institution for Catholic Education, in Hamilton. In July 2021 Anne was honoured to be named by Pope Francis to the International Council of Catechesis. Anne will talk about how God is speaking to each of us and calling each one of us throughout our life's ordinary and extraordinary moments. Bring your bible. Books for sale, cash only.

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