

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Fr. Michael Machacek, Pastor

Fr. Brian Shea, In Residence



Mission Statement:

In Christ we are all things, He is everything to us. If you have wounds to heal, He is a physician; if fever scorches you, He is a fountain. Would you punish evil doing, He is justice, If you need help, He is strength; if you fear death, He is life; if you hunger, He is food.

- St. Ambrose

MASS TIMES

Sunday Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm
Family Mass with Youth Choir
Sunday 9:00 am Cantor & Organ
11:00 am Choir & Organ

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8:00 am (no Mass Tuesdays)

Devotions

Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am
"Can you not watch an hour with me?" Matthew 26:40
Holy Rosary Monday - Saturday 7:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays 8:45 am

BECOME A FRIENDLY VISITOR!

Under the direction of the pastor, Friendly Visitors serve those in the parish and surrounding community who are in need of social interaction. Must attend a 1 day training session when available.

PARISHIONERS

Please contact the parish office to update address/phone #s or to volunteer in ministries.
Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Closed Tues, Sat, Sun

To schedule an appointment, please call the office during business hours. (If planning to drop in between 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm please call before)

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Ambrose! Registration Forms and Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Forms can be found on our website at www.stambroseparish.com or you can email stambroseET@archtoronto.org

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45-4:15 pm (or by appointment)

Marriage

Couples wishing to arrange a wedding must contact the Pastor One year in advance and be registered with the parish. Please do not set the date until you have met with the Pastor. Marriage Information Guidelines can be found on the parish website, under "Forms".

Baptism

Baptisms for infants and young children are celebrated every 3rd Sunday of the month, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Baptism Registration and Preparation Instructions can be found on the parish website, under "Forms".

Anointing of the Sick and Care for the Elderly & Shut-Ins

If you or a loved one are in a hospital and wish for a visit from a priest for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please contact the Nurses' station and ask them to contact the "Priest on call". For other locations, please contact the parish office. Those who are confined to their homes by illness, infirmity or age, who would like to receive communion, please contact the office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Lay Pastoral Visitors, Friendly Visitors, Greeters, Ushers, St. Ambrose Choir and Youth Choir, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus & Honouring God's Creation Society

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US!

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 27, St. Angela, Merici, Virgin

8:00 a.m. The Health of Dennis Marcelino, req by Family

Wednesday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Felix Panerio
req. by DeBlois Family

Thursday, January 30, Blessed Sebastian Valfre, Priest

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Lynnore & Rafaelito Moreno
req. by DeBlois Family

Friday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. †Samuel Armstrong, †Agathe Brisset,
†Thomas Armstrong, †Elizabeth Nesbitt
req. by C & K McAuliffe

Saturday, February 1

4:30 p.m. †Tony Ancona, req. by Family

Sunday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. †Michelantonio Fantetti, req. by Eufemia
Feast of S. Blaise, req. by Abbrosiano Committee
†Jacek, †Jan, †Teresa Sitarski, †Pavel,
†Stefania, †Anna Pavlovski
req. by Krystyna Sitarski

11:00 a.m. †Gloria, †Manuel Garcia, req. by T Garcia
†Caterina, †Paolo Converso, req. by E Cirelli



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 21 days in
honour of St. Anthony


req. by B Driscoll



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

 **& CONFIRMATION:** Registration for First Holy Communion is now closed. **Mandatory Information & Registration Meeting for Confirmation is next weekend on Saturday, February 1.** For more information, please visit www.stambroseparish.com and click on the Schools tab. 

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

 During the month of January, the parish office will still continue to open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but **only from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** each day. I thank all of you for your understanding regarding these hours, as well as those parishioners who have volunteered to serve in the office during those hours.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Starting on Friday, January 24th, and until mid-June, the South Etobicoke



Youth Ministry youth ministry nights, which had been held at Christ the King parish, will now be held here at St. Ambrose. These Friday evening gatherings will alternate between the EDGE program (for youth in Grades 6-8) and the Lifeteen program (for high school students). More information will be shared in the coming weeks. We thank God for this ministry, which serves the youth of Christ the King, St. Ambrose, St. Leo's and St. Teresa's parishes. *Let us pray for all those involved in running it and our young people who will be attending it.*

JUBILEE MASSES FOR THE WESTERN REGION



In commemoration of the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Pastoral Region, there will be two Masses celebrated in the Western Region Pilgrimage Parishes. The first will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Leo, at *St. Mary's Parish, Brampton on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.* **This is also a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the elevation of His Eminence to the College of Cardinals.** Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the second Regional Mass at *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.* Confessions will be available prior to each Mass from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1/25, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: **1) How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

2) How to create your own legacy &
3) About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1. scan this QR code:**
- 2. follow this QR link:** qrco.de/WebFeb01
- 3. send an email to:** Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message.



COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

– Monday, January 27, 6 PM at Danforth Multifaith Commons, 310 Danforth Ave, Toronto - A vigil on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors & liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open & neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys & sorrows, our human problems & preoccupations' (Dialogue & Proclamation, #42). This city-wide event is part of The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time," a commemoration marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue *Nostra Aetate*

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH



CONFERENCE Saturday March 22, 2025

9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) Closing Mass celebrated by Most

Reverend Robert Kasun CSB

Speakers: **Annie Karto:** Divine Mercy Flood My Soul, **Lisa Canning:** Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY, **Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI:** Being a Priest - Being a Midwife, **Dr. Stephanie Kafie:** Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out "Totally Yours", **Dorothy Pilarski:** Your Life is Going to Change. **Register at** [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/dwf2025)

REBATE CHEQUES FROM THE PROVINCE

The Ontario government has announced plans to send out \$200 rebate cheques later this month or in early February. This payment will go to all Ontarians who were 18 or older at the end of 2023 & filed their income tax for that year. **Why not turn this rebate into something even more meaningful?** If you are in the position to make a financial contribution, consider reinvesting your \$200 as a charitable donation. You'll give charities a much-needed boost to start 2025 strong while unlocking valuable tax savings & greater impact through charitable tax credits. *If you intend on donating this rebate to St. Ambrose Parish, please state this donation is for our Building Fund*Many thanks, Father Michael

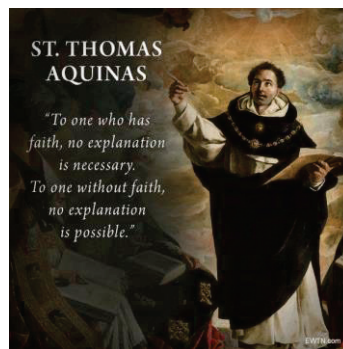
Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel,
Palestine & Lebanon

EXPLORING THE THEMES OF POPE FRANCIS' PAPAL BULL "Spes Non Confundit"

The Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* for the Jubilee Year 2025 contains six themes. The themes are:



- 1) A Universal Call to Jubilee: To be celebrated in Rome & worldwide.
- 2) Hope: Rooted in Baptism & enlivened by the Holy Spirit, faith, hope, love & patience sustain us.
- 3) A Journey of Hope: We are a pilgrim people.
- 4) Signs of Hope: The desire for peace & justice & the call to be signs of hope for the poor, imprisoned, sick & dying.
- 5) Appeals for Hope: Ensuring the fruits of the earth are available to everyone, the forgiveness of debt, & celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicea emphasizing our call to be synodal & to evangelize.
- 6) Anchored in Hope: The death & resurrection of Jesus, the witness of the Mother of God, the Saints & Martyrs, the gift of indulgences & the importance. Read *Spes Non Confundit -- Hope Does Not Disappoint* [here!](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)



January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

February 2
The Presentation
of the Lord –
Candlemas





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