

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:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday & Statutory Holidays
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 under the **Contact** tab 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 "Sacraments".

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 "Sacraments".

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, April 13, St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Agnes Grenier
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Asteria Brioso, req. by Tolentino Family

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Timothy McAuliffe
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Thursday, April 16

8:00 a.m. † Gertrude Joyal, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
† Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Bernard Araullo, req. by Meloday Araullo

Friday, April 17

8:00 a.m. † Perfecto Ng, req. by Family

Saturday, April 18

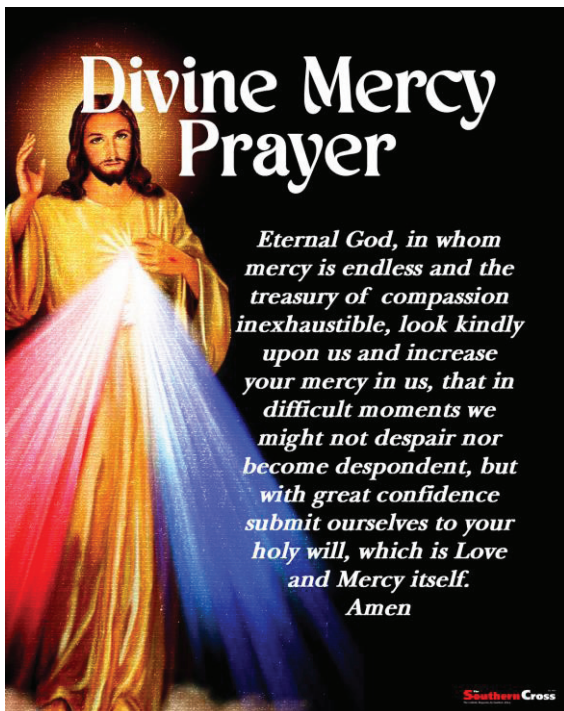
4:30 p.m. † Mary Jane Cook and
† Charlotte Chevalier
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Sunday, April 19, III Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Francesco DelVicario, req. by Family
† Angelina Vincelli
req. by DelVicario Family
Birthday blessings for Corazon Gustilo
req. by Querubin Family

11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday!



Jesus I Trust in You

LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY



- April 17 – EDGE
- April 24 - Life Teen

ST. AMBROSE PARISH – SUMMER DAY CAMP

St. Ambrose Parish is excited to offer a **Full-Day Summer Day Camp** for children in **Grades 1–8**.

 **Dates:** July 20–24  **Location:** St. Ambrose Parish

 **Full-Day Program**  **Cost:** • \$125 Early Bird

• \$150 Regular Registration

• \$20 sibling discount for each additional child

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week of games, crafts, prayer, and group activities in a safe parish environment. **More details** Contact **Agnes, Youth Minister** at amirga@archtoronto.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Our children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on the following dates:

Saturday, April 18th at the 4:30 p.m. mass

Sunday, April 19th the 11:00 a.m. mass

Saturday, April 25th at the 4:30 p.m. mass

Sunday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m. mass and

Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. mass

We expect that there will be many visiting family members attending these masses, especially at the three Sunday masses.



CONFIRMATION MEETING REMINDER

There will be a Confirmation *Candidate Meeting on **Monday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church hall. All Candidates **should arrive by 6:45 p.m.** *Please ensure to bring your Duotangs.

CWL MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd

7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Dear CWL Members and Friends, Although we have not gathered for meetings over the past few years, we are grateful for your continued support and commitment through your annual membership dues. We are pleased to invite you to our first CWL meeting as we come together once again in faith and fellowship. This meeting marks a renewed beginning for our council. We will be holding elections for the executive positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Your participation is especially important as we move forward together. We are also delighted to

welcome three guest speakers who will share their insights and help to inspire our gathering. Join us as we reconnect, reflect and renew our commitment to serving our parish community. Light refreshments will be provided. Please feel free to invite others who may be interested and let us know if you will be able to attend. We truly hope you can join us for this meaningful and important occasion. Please confirm your attendance by contacting **Lucille Khan at 416-252-8181**. *Thank you, Sincerely your sisters at CWL*

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

A continuation of **Lectio Divina**



In response to the positive feedback received at Fr. Michael's Reflection Evening on March 26th, a decision was made to hold monthly *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading) meetings for our parishioners. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Church Hall**. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to practice *Lectio Divina*, by working with one of the readings for the following Sunday mass, followed by group sharing. All are invited to attend. The meeting will end before **8:30 pm**.

SL THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU PROVIDE SAFETY TO THOSE IN NEED

Your kindness makes it possible for refugees to create a sanctuary here in Canada, providing hope and new beginnings to our brothers and sisters in need. Like Hetvi, who came to Canada seeking refuge but found her hope shattered by her husband's control and abuse. Isolated and desperate, her cries for help initially went unheard. Because you care, she found solace through Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. Here, she received housing support and counselling in her native language, as well as financial and legal assistance, food banks, childcare, and healthcare. The Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto is another agency you support through ShareLife, facilitating critical care for refugees. Director Deacon Rudy Ovcjak says: "On behalf of the thousands of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and native lands, and who now find refuge in Canada—a land of freedom and

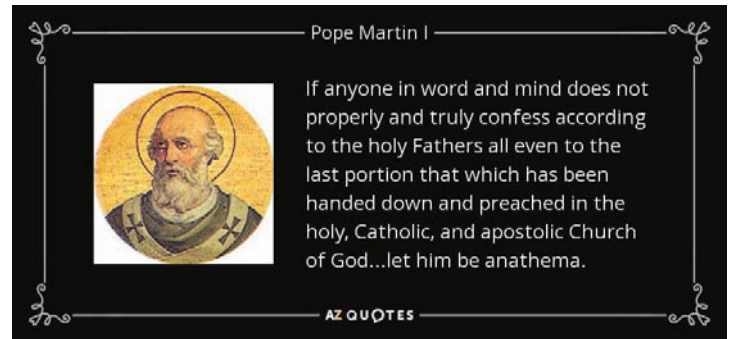
peace—I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support allows our office to sponsor hundreds of refugees each year, the majority of whom are Christians fleeing persecution for their faith in Christ." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate



NEXT COFFEE SUNDAY – APRIL 26th



after both masses. *Cash Only* Come enjoy a warm cup of coffee, sweet treats, and good conversation as we gather in community. We would greatly appreciate **donations of sweet treats or other baked goodies**. As always, **all proceeds will go toward supporting our Youth Group**. Everyone is welcome — we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you!



A HOLY WEEK THANK YOU

My dear parishioners, I write this message on the morning of Easter Wednesday, April 8th. As I reflect on the memories of all the celebrations of Holy Week, the feeling I have is one of great gratitude – gratitude for those who fully participated in these sacred celebrations; gratitude for all those who shared their time and talents in being part of one of the liturgical ministries of these celebrations; gratitude for your prayers for Fr. Brian and I during the week; and most of all, gratitude to God, whose love and mercy which were so present in those original celebrations 2,000 years ago, was so present once again this past week. We have just begun the Season of Easter, which spans 50 days. During this season, we are reminded of what our Saviour has won for us through His saving Passion, Death and Resurrection. Together with Christians throughout the world, we cry out, **"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"**

Peace & prayers, Fr. Michael Machacek



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