

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, April 14

8:00 a.m. † Joseph Timothy McAuliffe
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
Special Intention, req. by Mary Ponikvar

7:30 p.m. *Lenten Confessions until 8:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 a.m. † Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Mary Jane Cook, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
† William & † Rose Gillis, req. by M. MacDonald

9:15 a.m. St. Ambrose School mass

Thursday, April 17, **Holy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18, **Good Friday** – This is a day of Fast & Abstinence

12:00 noon **The Passion of the Lord**

3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, **Holy Saturday**

1:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Easter Foods

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20, **Easter**

9:00 a.m. **The Resurrection of the Lord**

11:00 a.m.

EDGE CAMP 2025 -Grow In Faith & Friendship

All students in Grades 6-8 are invited to Edge Camp 2025 (*You need to be registered for Edge Program*)—a week filled with faith, fun, and fellowship! This is a powerful opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ, grow in community, and experience the beauty of God's creation through outdoor adventures, prayer, & dynamic activities. **Camp White Pine**, Haliburton, Aug 24-28, \$500 per camper (Early Bird Price) Spots fill up fast register today: <https://edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com/> or to ctklakeshoreyouth@gmail.com for more info or call Agnes at 416-779-2342.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS The parish office will continue to open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, **10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and **10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays.** I thank all of you for your understanding, as well as those parishioners who have volunteered to serve in the office during those hours.



**Hosanna
to the
King
of Kings**

Reflections on Palm Sunday & Holy Thursday

Palm Sunday Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, properly referred to as “Passion Sunday”, marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him with waving palm branches, and by covering His path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the Ministry of Jesus, He begins His journey to the cross.

The **Holy Thursday** Liturgy marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred “Triduum” (“three days”) of Holy Week, which culminates in the Easter Vigil, and concludes at Vespers on the evening of Easter day. The Mass begins in the evening, because Passover began at sundown; it commemorates Our Lord's institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. It also shows both the worth God ascribes to the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water (a symbol of Baptism) in the Mandatum, washing, commemorating Jesus' washing the feet of His apostles.

The action of the Church on this night also witnesses to the Church's esteem for Christ's Body present in the consecrated Host in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, carried in solemn procession to the Altar of Repose.

Following the mass, there is an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the people until 10:00 p.m., just as the disciples stayed with Our Lord during His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives before His betrayal by Judas Iscariot.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

The children will celebrate First Reconciliation on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION The next candidates meeting is on Monday, April 28th from 7 -8:30p.m. in the church hall.

APRIL 13, 2025



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE The South Etobicoke Youth Ministry nights, which had been held at Christ the King parish, will now be held at St. Ambrose until mid-June. These Friday evening gatherings will alternate between the EDGE program (youth in G 6-8) & the Lifeteen program (high school students). *We thank God for this ministry, which serves the youth of Christ the King, St. Ambrose, St. Leo's and St. Teresa's parishes.* The Youth Ministry will **resume Friday, April 25th** with an **EDGE** evening.

YOU EMPOWER YOUTH TO EMBRACE GOD

SL Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth & young adults to encounter, love & serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ & have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops & formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

JUBILEE 2025 Why not consider **a Lenten Pilgrimage** to one of our designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings? A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/jubilee The site also provides information for those wishing to receive a Plenary

Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church. Please note that it is not necessary to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the same day as your visit to the Pilgrimage church, but can be celebrated in your own parish "within several days before or after your visit."

DISCOVER FORMED THIS LENT As many of you know, we have a parish subscription to the online Catholic resource called **FORMED**. They have a large number of videos and courses to consider. For example, for children there is the Brother Francis cartoon series that is extremely popular with young children. For adults, take the time to savour the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI, with his reflections on "Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week," in which he walks us through the events of Holy Week. In order to sign up for FORMED (*it's free,, because of our parish subscription*). Go to www.stambroseparish.formed.org then enter the parish postal code: **M8W 3W2**. The parish name will appear – click St. Ambrose, and then create an account using your email. Once you have registered for **FORMED**, start exploring all the videos available and help make your Lent truly a springtime of growth in your faith.



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EASTER Sunday, April 20 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.




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