

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel, priest & Martyr, St. Louis
Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 30, Saint Pius V, Pope

8:00 a.m. † Louis Pinard Dit Lauzier & † Marie
Madeleine Renoux Dite Lachapelle
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Thursday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m.



Friday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Michelantonio Fantetti, req. by Eufemia

Saturday, May 3, St. Philip & James, Apostles

4:30 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Maria Caronchia, req. by Son & Family
† Jacek, † Jan & † Teresa Sitarski
† Pavel, † Stefania & † Anna Pavlovski
req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Annalisa Sacchetti, req. by the Family
For the Intentions of Steve Sheather
req. by Frs. Michael & Brian
† Clara & † Bernie Fabbri, req. by Family
56th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for
Sonia & Filippo Finelli
11:00 a.m. † Pietro Franchino, req. by Rosa & Family
† Giuseppina Finelli, req. by Giulia DelVicario

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS Mon, Wed & Fri,
10:30 am - 3:00 pm & Thurs. 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Thank you all for understanding & to all volunteers.

EDGE CAMP WEST 2025 EDGE Camp (for Youth currently in Grades 5–8) at **Camp White Pine**, Haliburton, Aug 24-28, \$500 per camper (Early Bird Price) is an unforgettable week filled with outdoor adventure, new friendships, powerful worship, and deep encounters with Christ. It's designed specifically for middle school youth and is one of the most meaningful and fun ways to wrap up the summer! (Child must already be registered for the Edge Program to participate.) Spots fill up fast to register please go to: <https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com/> or **Contact: ctklakeshoreyouth@gmail.com** or speak with Agnes 416-779-2342.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday, May 3rd at the 4:30 p.m. mass

Sunday, May 4th at the 11:00 a.m. mass



**Saturday, May 10th at the 4:30 p.m. mass and
Sunday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m. mass**

We expect that there will be many visiting family members attending these masses, especially at the two Sunday masses. The masses will also be shown in the hall for all four masses.

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

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.* Friday, May 2 is **Lifeteen** and Friday, May 9 is **EDGE**.

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."



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of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org

EASTER SEASON The Season of Easter is 50 days long and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost on the June 7th & 8th weekend. In many ways, the Church celebrates this entire season as one Great Feast day (The Ordo- the Liturgical Calendar of Canada). The season begins with the Octave of Easter, *8 days of solemnity*. Our Gospel readings for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays are post-resurrection stories of Jesus. The 4th Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday with the Gospel taken from John 10. This Sunday, there is also an emphasis on the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The Gospel for the 5th and 6th Sundays are taken from the Gospel of John. The following is the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, and the season concludes with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



Throughout this season, the liturgical colour is white and the Paschal candle is prominently displayed in the front of the altar.



*Throughout this season, our Easter proclamation is **"Christ is risen, He has risen indeed! Alleluia!!"***

YOU ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. **Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future.** David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

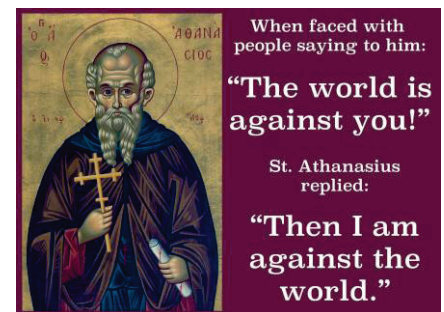
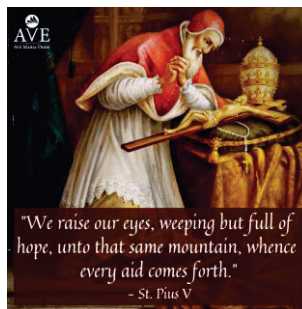
Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

Come **celebrate 40 years of faith, learning, and community** at **Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre!** Reconnect with fellow alumni, staff, students, and families as we reflect on FJR's legacy and look ahead with gratitude and joy. Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025
Doors Open: 9:00 AM Mass: 10:00 AM Social & Food Stations: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Ticket Deadline: May 22. Get your tickets here: <https://tcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/126161/185/False/True>

A SPECIAL THANKS Our parish is thankful to St. Ambrose School for loaning us their wooden Cross that was used for the Good Friday services. Their help is another sign of the partnership between our parish and our school. N.B.: We also wish to thank the 8 Confirmation candidates, one of whom attends Mary, Mother of God School and the other 7 who attend St. Ambrose School, for their willingness to carry the Cross into the Church during our two Good Friday services. We bless you, young ladies and gentlemen!

PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Let us Pray for a just Peace between Ukraine & Russia, in the Middle East, in the Congo and wherever there is warfare, violence or persecution.




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