

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, April 7, St. John Baptist dela Salle, Priest
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 9

8:00 a.m. † Emilio Alcaraz, req. by Family

Thursday, April 10

8:00 a.m. † Mary Elizabeth Bowyer
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Friday, April 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 12

4:30 p.m. † Tony Ponikvar, req. by Parents
† Nicolas Konzczarek, req. by Theresa Bridel

Sunday, April 13, **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** 

9:00 a.m. † Luigi Melfi, req. by Maria Caronchia †
† Francesco Del Vicario, req. by Savaglio Family

11:00 a.m. † Silvana Salvador, req. by Family friend
† Bernard Araullo

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

Candidates' classes conclude with the final class on Saturday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. in the church. **The children will celebrate First Reconciliation on Saturday, April 26th at 11:00 a.m.**

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

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.



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.*

N.B.: *There are No meetings on April 11 & 18.* The Youth Ministry will **resume on Friday, April 25th.**

EDGE CAMP 2025 – GROW IN FAITH & FRIENDSHIP!

We are excited to invite all students in Grades 6-8 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, and dynamic activities.

 Location: Camp White Pine, Haliburton, ON

 Dates: August 24-28, 2025

 Cost: \$500 per camper (Early Bird Price)

 Registration Opens: March 1st

Spots fill up fast register today:
<https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com/> Go to ctklakeshoreyouth@gmail.com for more info or call Agnes at 416-779-2342.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16



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Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve. "Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

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 teens & adults, consider watching, "The Boy from Milan", the story of *Blessed Carlos Acutis*, a modern day "gamer" Saint of our time. You can also consider watching, "Preparing for Holy Week", as the

liturgies of Holy Week are considered and various sites in the Holy Land are shown. If you have never explored this wonderful resource, I invite you to do so, especially during the season of Lent. 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.

THE SEASON OF LENT is a 40-day period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. It is the season of Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. During Lent, *we reflect on the sacrifices of Jesus through our prayers, we serve others by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting & abstinence*. We also recall the waters of Baptism in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin & evil and began new life in Christ. *A gentle reminder to all: **Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence***. The law of fasting binds those from 18-59 years of age. For the Fridays of Lent, every person 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat. *During Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 p.m.*



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON



RESOURCES: In his homily this past weekend, Deacon Alan made reference to the book written by Fr. Henri Nouwen, entitled "The Return of the Prodigal Son".

This book can be purchased online or found at Catholic book stores. He also spoke of Rembrandt's painting of the Prodigal Son. This painting can be found by copying this link provided below:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/93/Rembrandt_Harmensz_van_Rijn_-_Return_of_the_Prodigal_Son_Google_Art_Project.jpg/1200pxRembrandt_Harmensz_van_Rijn_Return_of_the_Prodigal_Son_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

You can also watch Fr. Nouwen's video "Being the Beloved" by searching on YouTube "[Being the Beloved](#)" (FULL SERMON Part One) | [Henri Nouwen at the Crystal Cathedral](#)



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday:

Saturday, April 12 - 4:30 p.m. mass
Sunday, April 13 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 14 – 8:00 a.m. mass and
Lenten Confession evening from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. mass and
9:15 am St. Ambrose school mass

Holy Thursday, April 17: **NO** 8:00 a.m. mass.
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 18th - Good Friday Services --
12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 19th -Blessing of the Easter Foods
at 1:00 p.m. in the church
Easter Vigil mass at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20th – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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 info 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."



St. Stanislaus

"Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord"
1 Corinthians 15:58

April 11



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