

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17, Family Day

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 a.m. † Wilfredo Lagmay, req. by F. Papag
Rosa Ganhoto, req. by Parents-in-law

Thursday, February 20

8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 21, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Asuncion & † Jose Magsalay, req. by Family

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

Saturday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

4:30 p.m. † Cletus Doucet, req. by L & C Gauthier
† Kathy Bridel, req. by T. Bridel
† Maria Trigiani, req. by M. O'Neill

Sunday, February 23, VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

NEW MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

MASS OFFERING	
Donor _____	Tel _____
Intention { For the Living (V) _____ For the Deceased (OM) _____	
No. of Masses <input type="checkbox"/> 1st - Assisted <input type="checkbox"/> 1st - Not Assisted	
Offering _____	
Date _____	

We have new envelopes available so that parishioners can complete them with details to offer a **Mass Intention for a**

loved one, (living or deceased) and to include the stipend. Envelopes can be dropped in the offertory collection or slip them through the mail slot on the bottom left side of the door at the rectory.

NUOVE BUSTE PER LE OFFERTE DI MESSA SONO ORA DISPONIBILE

Abbiamo a disposizione nuove buste in modo che i parrocchiani possano completarle con i dettagli per **offrire un'intenzione di messa per una persona cara (vivente o defunta)** e per includere lo stipendio. Le buste possono essere depositate nella raccolta dell'offertorio o farle scivolare attraverso la fessura della posta sul lato inferiore sinistro della porta della canonica.

Michael Power - St. Joseph's Class of '75 High

School Reunion - Thursday, June 5, 2025 - Islington Golf Club. For more information, please contact Mike Cachia at: mcachia75@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

& CONFIRMATION: Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now closed. **UPDATE FOR 1ST COMMUNION PARENTS** - For the parents **who have already registered** their child for First Reconciliation/Communion, you can come to the parish hall **at 2:00 pm on Sat., Feb. 22nd**, to select the date for your child's 1st communion. The dates of the 1st communions, held during our regular weekend masses, are as follows: Saturday May 3rd at 4:30 pm, Sunday, May 4th at 11 am, Saturday May 10th at 4:30 pm & Sunday, May 11th at 11 am. Please note that there will be a **maximum of 18 children at each mass**, and the sign up is first come, first served. For those unable to be there on the 22nd, you will be able to select the date the following week during regular office hours at the parish.

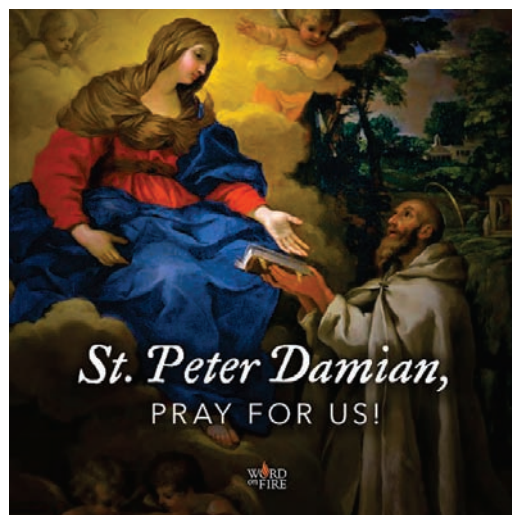


TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will continue to open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, **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.

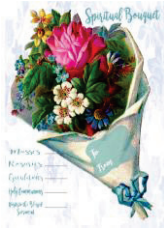
YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

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.*



WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET?

Spiritual bouquets are a beautiful Catholic tradition of presenting prayers or acts of charity, mercy or devotion that someone has or will offer for someone else. These gifts can be given from an individual or group to express joy, sorrow or best wishes – often in commemoration of a special occasion. James Gontis, Director of Evangelization, Diocese of Venice, said the *tradition of a “spiritual bouquet” likely came from the origin of the rosary, from the Latin rosarium, or a garden of roses.* For example, St. Louis Mare De Montfort compared each Hail Mary in the rosary as a rose given to Our Lady in prayer. 🌹



Happy Family Day!

May God bless each of our families today and always! May we be able to spend time together with the people we love most, and if we can't be together in person, help us to be close in heart.



JUBILEE 2025

In past Jubilee years, the opening of the Holy Doors in Rome's four major Basilicas are a central act of faith for pilgrims seeking reconciliation and renewal. However, that act of faith has been extended to pilgrimage sites across the world, including here in Canada, such as Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, ON. The Jubilee year offers plenary indulgences to the faithful granting them complete remission of the temporal punishment due to sin. This special spiritual gift of grace has been part of every Jubilee year in the history of the Catholic Church. The conditions of the indulgence are the same as previous Jubilees - one goes to confession, then reception of Holy Eucharist, and a pilgrimage to one of the specific holy sites set out by the national Bishops' conference.

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE

The **Chair of Saint Peter** (*Cathedra Petri*), also known as the **Throne of Saint Peter**, is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the sovereign enclave of the Pope in Rome, Italy. The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims belonged to the Apostle Saint Peter, the first Pope, and which he used as Bishop of Rome. The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and constructed between 1647 and 1653. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." *February 22 is a special liturgical feast.*

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



CHAIR OF ST. PETER (Vatican Basilica)



Kindly pick up your 2025 Offertory envelopes at the back of the Church if you haven't yet. Thank you for your co-operation.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS The 2024 tax receipts will be mailed out later this month. *Thank you for your generous support & for your patience.*





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