

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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MASS INTENTIONS 

Monday, February 3, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
 8:00 a.m. † Harriet Flegg, req. by C & K McAuliffe

Wednesday, February 5, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 8:00 a.m. The Health of Dennis Marcelino, req by Family

Thursday, February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
 8:00 a.m. † Antonio DiFranco & † Donato D'Alessia
 req. by Lucy DiFranco
 Thanksgiving for Willie & Joe Gombar
 req. by the DeBlois Family

Friday, February 7
 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 8, St. Jerome Emillani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 4:30 p.m. † Marica (Maritza) Dzalto, req. by Brenda
 Intentions of St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers
 Group, req. by Berta
 † Emilio Alcaez, req. by Family
 † Jose Simas & Living & Deceased members
 of the Simas Family, req. by Maria Karp

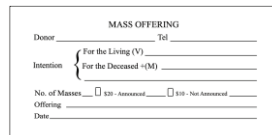
Sunday, February 9, V Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. † Nicolino Falcone, req. by Ida Falcone
 † Parker Shultz, req. by C & K McAuliffe
 In Honour of St. Biagio
 req. by the Abbruzzesse Family

11:00 a.m. † Anna DiRisio, req. by Mary Laffadi
 † Giuseppe Domenico
 req. by Giovanna Sabatino
 † Rosamaria & † Antonio Cirelli
 req. by Emma Cirelli

REBATE CHEQUES FROM THE PROVINCE

The Ontario government has announced plans to send out \$200 rebate cheques in late January or in early February. This payment will go to all Ontarians who were 18 or older at the end of 2023 & filed their income tax for that year. **Why not turn this rebate into something even more meaningful?** If you are in the position to make a financial contribution, consider reinvesting your \$200 as a charitable donation. You'll give charities a much-needed boost to start 2025 strong while unlocking valuable tax savings & greater impact through charitable tax credits. *If you intend on donating this rebate to St. Ambrose Parish, please state this donation is for our **Building Fund***
.....Many thanks, Father Michael

NEW MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE



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.

MASS INTENTIONS *"When you offer a Mass intention, infinite graces flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them"Pope St. Gregory*

THE MIRACLE OF HEALINGSaint Blaise

One day, a frantic mother arrived at his cave with her son, who was choking on a fish bone. Deeply moved by the woman's faith and desperation, Blaise placed his hands on the boy's throat. Invoking the name of Jesus, he miraculously dislodged the obstruction, saving the child's life. This miracle led to Saint Blaise becoming the patron saint of throat illnesses. **Persecution and Martyrdom of Saint Blaise** - Despite the isolation, his miracle attracted attention. He was discovered and imprisoned for his faith. Remarkably, even behind bars, he continued performing miracles. One notably involved a woman whose pig had been savaged by a wolf. Upon her request, Saint Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig, which he did unharmed. His peaceful existence came to a tragic end under Emperor Licinius' regime. Refusing to renounce his faith, he was savagely beaten before being beheaded in 316 AD, thus achieving martyrdom.



San Biagio, prega per noi Ora Pro Nobis

JUBILEE 2025



With the opening of the Jubilee of 2025, it is helpful to reflect on the origins of these Jubilees that the Church celebrates every 25 years, and has been an important part of Catholic tradition for centuries. The word jubilee is taken from the Hebrew word *yobel*, (which means "ram's horn"). This celebration, as outlined in Leviticus 25: 8-13, occurred every 50 years. In a jubilee year, there would be a remission of debts, the return of land to its original owners, and the emancipation of slaves. The *yobel* would be blown during the sacred feast of Yom Kippur to proclaim the start of the Jubilee year. The Jubilee year would be one that would re-establish a right relationship with God, with one's neighbour and the community as a whole. Rooted in the tradition of our Jewish ancestors, the Church teaches that a Jubilee year is one to offer mercy, forgiveness, and spiritual transformation. The church also shortened the length of time between Jubilees to 25 years as our Popes sought to provide more opportunities for the faithful to receive God's mercy in one's lifetime. More information will be provided next week about the Jubilee of 2025.

JUBILEE MASS FOR THE WESTERN REGION

In commemoration of the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Pastoral Region, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the 2nd Regional Mass at *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke* on *Wed, Feb 5th at 7:00 pm.* Confessions will be available prior to Mass from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS' GROUP



The next meeting will be held in the Church hall on Thursday, February 6th from 7pm to 8 pm. This group is designed for all mothers, even for those moms whose children are adults.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION



& CONFIRMATION: Registration for First Holy

Communion and Confirmation is now closed. For more information about the dates of the classes for these sacraments, please visit <https://www.stambroseparish.com/schools.html>

CATHOLIC BIBLE USED IN CANADA

In his homily last weekend, Fr. Michael recommended that if people need to buy a Bible, they should purchase the **NRSV Catholic Edition Bible**, from which the readings for both Sunday and weekdays are taken for masses in Canada. Please note that the **NRSV stands for New Revised Standard Version**. These Bibles can be found in Catholic Book stores, and online via Indigo and Amazon.

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. Friday, **February 7th is an EDGE evening.**




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