

# 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](http://www.stambroseparish.com) or you can email [stambroseET@archtoronto.org](mailto: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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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 10, St Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Birthday wishes for Anna Ciepick  
req. by Joanna Ciepick

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 a.m. † Guidita Lenuci, req. by Ida Falcone  
† Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski

Thursday, February 13

8:00 a.m.

Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 15

4:30 p.m. † Rosina Marchese, req. by the Family  
† Dorothy Stewart, req. by Bob Driscoll  
† Carmelo Barillaro, req. by Chrysol  
† Mario Filice, req. by the Family

Sunday, February 16, VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Franco & † Giuseppe Caronchia  
req. by Maria Caronchia

11:00 a.m.

### NEW MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

MASS OFFERING	
Donor _____	for _____
Intention {	For the Living (L) _____
	For the Deceased (D) _____
No. of Masses _____	For the Deceased (D) _____
Offering _____	For the Deceased (D) _____
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](mailto:mcachia75@gmail.com)

*Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now closed. **UPDATE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm & Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **St. Scholastica**



was as an Italian Christian hermit & followed the rule of St. Benedict, giving rise to the female branch of the Benedictine Order of nuns. A ninth-century tradition makes her the twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. Scholastica used to recommend observing the **RULE OF SILENCE**, and avoiding conversation with people outside the monastery, even if they were devoted visitors. She used to say, **"Either speak of God or keep silence, for, what in this world is so worthy of speech?"** Of God, Scholastica loved to speak above all with her brother, Benedict, whom she would meet once a year. The place of their spiritual talks was a little house halfway between the two monasteries.

**CWL VALENTINE'S TEA** - Calling all CWL ladies. You are cordially invited to Valentines



Afternoon Tea on Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the parish hall. Please come and bring a friend! RSVP to any of the following by Monday Feb 10, 6pm. Lucille Khan - 416-252-8181. Marg Gombita- 416-259-3096. Pat Bester- 416-252-3852

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## **BIBLE IN A YEAR, WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ**

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## **REBATE CHEQUES FROM THE PROVINCE**

The Ontario government has announced plans to send out \$200 rebate cheques in late January or 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*

**COME & SEE – Discernment Weekend Retreat**  
**March 14 - 16, 2025 at St. Augustine's Seminary.** Hosted by The Office of Vocations - for men 18 years & older. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at the seminary. To Register, visit [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee) For more info, visit: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO CONTEST 2025** (Feb. 5 - April 15, 2025) Theme: Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity High school students (aged 13-19 years) *in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto* are invited to participate in this annual celebration of the United Nations International Human Fraternity Day on Feb 4 each year. Students are encouraged to create a 3 minute video that captures this year's theme. Submit your entries via the submission form at <https://bit.ly/DFVCSubmission> For more info visit [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 x 527

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

– Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for our full array of Scholarships & nominations for our Community Service Awards. With five available scholarships, focusing on various areas of study and a diverse field of candidates, *we are excited to support the future leaders of social services within our community.* Also, with the establishment of the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards, we want to recognize the remarkable individuals that are actively contributing and impacting our communities with their acts of service. Link to the online nomination <https://forms.office.com/r/K5wzr51h4Z> More details can be found at [www.ccat.ca/scholarships](http://www.ccat.ca/scholarships) Submission deadline for all scholarships and awards is April 30, 2025.

**JUBILEE 2025** As we continue to reflect on aspects of the Jubilee 2025, in his document *Spes non Confundit*, Pope Francis outlines that the virtue of hope is the centre of the message of this year's Jubilee. Quoting Romans 5:5, "Hope does not disappoint", Pope Francis states that this Jubilee is a time to renew trust in the unfailing love of our God. While there is much to despair at this time in history, hope is not a passive feeling, but rather an active movement towards God, as he describes the Jubilee for Catholics to press forward with resilience, using a hope "grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (Rom. 8:39). Thus, during this Jubilee we are called to become "pilgrims of hope", journeying not only to holy sites but also toward a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church's mission of mercy and justice.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> is Lifeteen**






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