

# 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:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday & Statutory Holidays  
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) under the **Contact** tab 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 "Sacraments".

### 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 "Sacraments".

### 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

#### Monday, March 16

8:00 a.m. † Timothy Florence McAuliffe  
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe  
† Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski

#### Wednesday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr of Church

8:00 a.m. † Catalina DeBlois, req. by the Family  
Birthday blessings for Jovita  
& Jovito DeMesa, req. by Jovita Livey

#### Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Louie DeBlois & Family

#### Friday, March 20

8:00 a.m. † John O'Donnell, req. by C & K McAuliffe  
In Thanksgiving for blessings received  
req. by Betty DeBlois

7:00 p.m.  *Passion Play, no Stations of the Cross*

#### Saturday, March 21

4:30 p.m. † Asuncion & José Magsalay, req. by Family  
† Perry Waghorn, req. by Cathy DeAngelis  
† Maria G. Silveira and † Lucia M. Machado  
req. by Helena Varone

#### Sunday, March 22, V Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Francesco DelVicario, req. by the Family  
† Luciano and † Maddalena Russo,  
req. by Clemintina Russo  
† Rosalia Medley  
req. by Cynthia, Diony & Tesa  
Birthday blessings for Bryan, req. by Caileen  
† Doreen and † Gord Pinto, req. by Family  
† Luciano & † Madalena Russo  
req. by Clemintina Russo

† Caterina Zita, req. by Domenic DeLuca  
† Doreen & † Gord Pinto, req. by Family

11:00 a.m. Lakeshore Youth Group Intentions  
† Maria Grazia and † Filippo Bozzelli  
req. by Rosa Franchino

*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 7:00 p.m. (except March 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Youth Group Parish Passion Play at 7 p.m.) until Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY EDGE & LIFETEEN SCHEDULE UPDATE







*Please note a small change in our upcoming schedule:*


- **March 20 – EDGE**
- **March 27 – No Session ( Extreme Way of the Cross)**
- **April 3 – Good Friday (No Session)**
- **April 10- Life Teen**

*Thank you for marking your calendars accordingly.*

### ST. AMBROSE PARISH – SUMMER DAY CAMP

St. Ambrose Parish is excited to offer a **Full-Day Summer Day Camp** for children in **Grades 1–8.**

 **Dates:** July 20–24  **Location:** St. Ambrose Parish  
 **Full-Day Program**  **Cost:** • \$125 Early Bird  
• \$150 Regular Registration  
• \$20 sibling discount for each additional child

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week of games, crafts, prayer, and group activities in a safe parish environment. **More details and registration coming soon.**  Questions? Contact **Agnes, Youth Minister** at [amirga@archtoronto.org](mailto:amirga@archtoronto.org)

### ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S LITURGY



**Volunteer Search** - We are looking for volunteers to help support our Children's Liturgy ministry. Whether you feel called to serve as a coordinator, teacher, or helper, your gifts would be a blessing to our parish children. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr. Michael or Vanessa/Murray at [st.ambrosechildrenliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:st.ambrosechildrenliturgy@gmail.com) Please keep our children, volunteers, and the future of this



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honour of St. Anthony, req. by Bob Driscoll*



### 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*



ministry in your prayers. Easter Event - Jesus is the Reason for the Season - Children's Liturgy Easter Celebration. **Meet**

**the Easter Bunny! Sunday, April 5th, 12-1 pm in the Parish Hall.** *This is a free event - no registration is required!*

\* Every child aged 9 and under will receive a loot bag.

\* Spin the wheel to win a prize

\* Light refreshments will be served.

*We look forward to celebrating together!*

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Church from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *(There will be 3 Priests)*

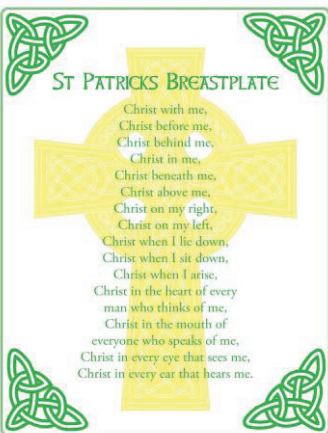
### PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES



An introduction to **Lectio Divina** On Thursday, March 26th, beginning at

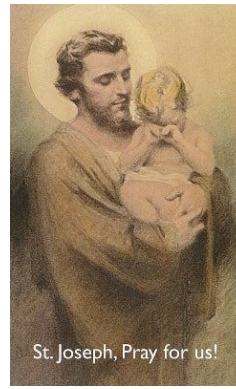
**7:00 pm in the hall**, Fr. Michael will share with us an ancient method of praying with the Bible, called *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading). Besides outlining the origins and methods of this prayer, attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to practice *Lectio Divina*, by working with one of the readings for the Palm Sunday masses.

All are invited to attend. Fr. Michael expects that the evening will finish by 8:30 pm.



### ST. PATRICK'S Weekend Celebration

*This weekend after all masses, there is a special parish fundraiser in support of our Youth Group, and we warmly invite all to take part. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish community.*



St. Joseph, Pray for us!

### St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of Canada

*Please watch over the Church & Canada, as carefully as you watched over Jesus*

*Ora pro nobis*

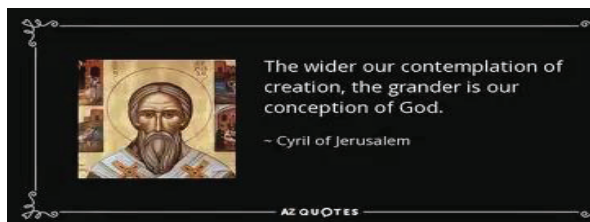
### PARISH PASSION PLAY – Led by Our Youth Group

We warmly invite you to join us for a very special **Passion Play** at **St. Ambrose Church** on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. This beautiful and prayerful presentation of Christ's Passion will be led by our dedicated **Youth Group**, who have been working hard to bring this sacred story to life. Come and enter more deeply into this holy season as we reflect on the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Your presence and support mean so much to our young people and encourage them in their faith journey. Please join us for this meaningful and powerful evening. *Let us walk together through this sacred time.* †

### YOU CAN HELP MEN ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO PRIESTHOOD

By supporting SHARELIFE - God planted the seed of a priestly vocation in Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi's heart as a child. He later entered St. Augustine's Seminary, where God led him through moments of joy, deep reflection, and a faith that continues to grow. His path has been one of both grace and challenge, yet he has walked forward without fear—because of you. Your generous heart lifted the burden of financial worry, allowing Rev. Mr. Moonjun Alphonse Choi to embrace his calling fully and prepare for a life of service to the Church. God-willing, he will be ordained into priesthood this May. Because of your faithful generosity to ShareLife, many more young men will have the opportunity to answer God's call. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website

PLEASE BRING YOUR SUNDAY MISSALS with you for the **Passion/Palm Sunday** masses and **Good Friday** services, as the congregation will be speaking the park marked with **"S"**.





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