

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 17, St. Patrick, Bishop

8:00 a.m. † Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Oscar Armando Laguan, req. by Family

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

8:00 a.m. [Feast of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada](#)
† Oscar Armando Laguan, req. by Family

Thursday, March 20

8:00 a.m. † Oscar Armando Laguan, req. by Family

Friday, March 21

8:00 a.m. † Oscar Armando Laguan, req. by Family

Saturday, March 22

4:30 p.m. † Tony Ponikvar, req. by the Parents

Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Michele Cavoto, req. by M Cavoto & Family
† Doreen Power & † Gord Power
req. by the Wuebbolt Family

† Margaret Monteiro, req. by Quadros Family

† Nadine Fraser, req. by Len & Carol Gauthier

11:00 a.m. † Ernesto & † Flora Sotelo

req. by Erlyne Borgonia

† Francesco DelVicario, req. by Wife & Family



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for St. Anthony
& special intentions, req. by B. Driscoll



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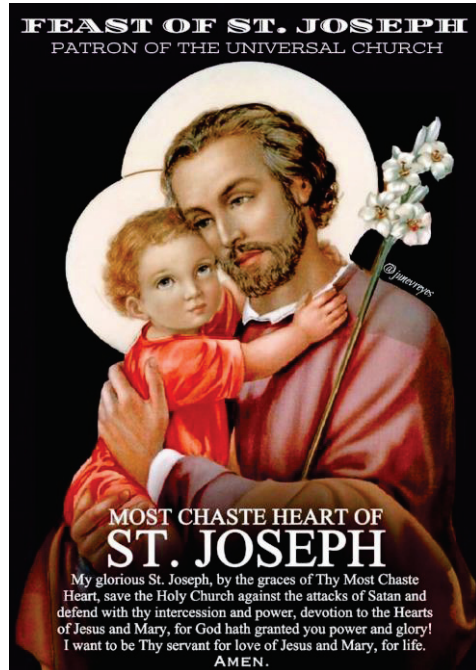
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

& CONFIRMATION: Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is now closed. For more information and dates, please visit: <https://www.stambroseparish.com/schools.html>



St. Joseph

Pray
for Us

Ora
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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.*
Friday March 21 - EDGE & Friday, March 28 - Lifeteen

ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Easter Bunny Trail. Kids 9 & under are invited to hop on our trail and meet the Easter Bunny! Join us at the Parish Hall after 11 am Mass on Sunday April 20th. Please RSVP by Mar 31st: <https://forms.gle/fkYF1AM6fz6tXn1o7>
If you would like to volunteer or make a contribution to the event, please email st.ambrosechildrenliturgy@gmail.com. Volunteer hours will be provided for high school students.



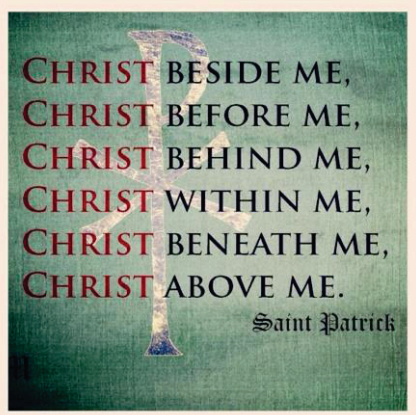
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JUBILEE 2025: LENTEN PILGRIMAGE In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional masses, Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenary-indulgence/>




St. Patrick



THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be holding a "**Bundle Up Collection**" on weekend of MARCH 22/23 at Christ the King parish. Donations of new or gently used clothing; shoes, linens, bedding, draperies, and small household items can be dropped off at the truck in the church parking lot. Please let those items you can do without benefit those in need in our community. For more info call 416 486 1115. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity*

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THE SEASON OF LENT 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 7:00 p.m.*



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