

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 under the **Contact** tab 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 "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

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 2

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4, St. Casimir

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 5

8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 6

8:00 a.m. † Jean Delage, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
† John Van Uffelen

Req. by B. & G. Buenaventura

Saturday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

4:30 p.m. St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group

† Perry Waghorn, req. by Patti DeAngelis

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Hope Banisch Venneri (4th Anniversary)
req. by Mama, Papa & Noah

† Carmela Russo, req. by Angela Parisi

11:00 a.m. † Emilio Alcaraz, req. by Family

† Deacon Dave Sandford

req. by Tara Neal McNally

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 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. until Friday, March 27th.*

2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



2025 Parish Tax Receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 2nd. Thank you for your generous support.



LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE – Friday, March 6th

LIFETEEN – Friday, March 13th

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

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 Please keep our children, volunteers, and the future of this 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.**

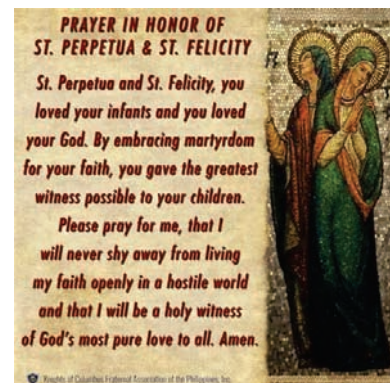
This is a free event - no registration is required!

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

* Free raffle draws will take place at 12:30 pm.

* Light refreshments will be served.

We look forward to celebrating together!



SL THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU BRING HOPE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

David is a senior who faced overwhelming loss and uncertainty. His wife passed away, his health declined, and he felt forgotten. But in his deepest sorrow, he found hope. When he turned to his pastor, he was guided to Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife where he was welcomed with open arms. Because of your kindness, David found the support he needed to heal, regain stability, and rediscover his sense of purpose. But unfortunately, there are many more like him—seniors facing isolation, families struggling to put food on the table, refugees trying to rebuild their lives, and young parents fighting for a brighter future. Through ShareLife, you help over 40 Catholic agencies bring hope to those who need it most. The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

An introduction to *Lectio Divina*

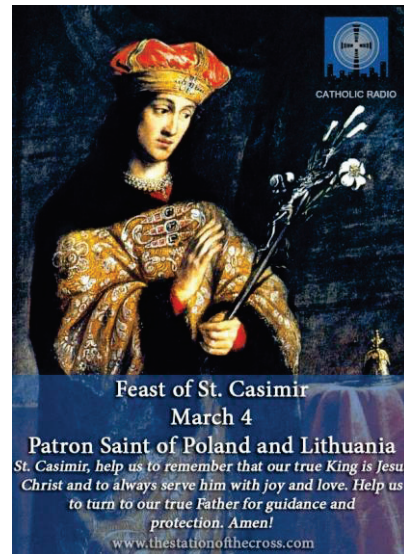


On Thursday, March 26th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the hall, Fr. Michael will share with us an ancient method of praying with the Bible, called *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading). Besides outlining the origins and methods of this prayer, attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to practice *Lectio 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.

LENT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Our Catholic Mother's Group is proud to sponsor a **Lenten Reflection** evening on **Thursday, March 5th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the hall**. This evening will be led by Carol Janssen, a Catholic mother and counsellor, who has helped to facilitate many activities in her own parish, including the *Alpha* programme. Carol will guide us to take a different and deeper look at our spiritual journeys during the Season of Lent. *All parishioners*, young and old, female and male, are invited to attend. *Refreshments will follow this meeting.*



✿ ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Calling All Bakers We are preparing for our **St. Patrick's Celebration on March 14–15 after all weekend masses**, and we need your help! We are looking for bakers and anyone willing to donate desserts or baked goods for this special parish fundraiser in support of our Youth Group, and we warmly invite our parish community to take part. If you are able to support us, please contact **Agnes at amirga@archtoronto.org** Desserts and donations can be dropped off:

- **Friday, March 13, in the evening, or**
- **Saturday before the celebration**

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our parish community. We truly appreciate your help! ❤️

✚ 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 20th**. 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.* ✚

CONFIRMATION *Reminder* - Candidate Session 2 on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall




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