

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 24

8:00 a.m. † Asuncion & † Jose Magsalay
req. by Lourdes Alcaraz



*The Annunciation of the Lord,
Tuesday, March 25*

Wednesday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Binas Family
req. by Betty DeBlois

Thursday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Pagdato Family
req. by Betty DeBlois

Friday, March 28

8:00 a.m. † Edward Kubow, req. by L & B. Villania

Saturday, March 29

4:30 p.m. † Salvatore Testa & † Antonio Testa
req. by Gelsomina Mignano

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Palmerina DeLuca, req. by Family
† Francesco DelVicario, req. by Ida Falcone

11:00 a.m. † Georgette VanUffelen
req. by G. & B. Buenaventura
† Domenic & † Giuseppe Sabatino
req. by Family
† Francesco DelVicario
req. by Giuseppina & Maria Finelli

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

Candidates' classes continue on Saturday, March 29th, April 5th and 12th, all at 11:00 a.m. in the church.

CONFIRMATION The next candidates meeting is on Monday, March 24th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. For the parents and sponsors of the candidates, their first meeting will be on Monday, March 31st from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. in the church hall.

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 28 - Lifeteen & Friday, April 4 - EDGE

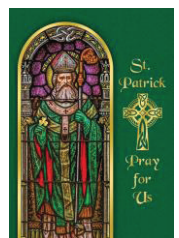
ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.



THANK YOU

The Christ the King Parish Council and Fr. Zbigniew would like to extend a big thank you to everyone, for the success of our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale. **\$1,535.33** was raised for our Youth Group outreach that organizes inspiring and meaningful activities including dinner, for the youth of four parishes, every Friday evening. Thank you to all our hardworking and talented volunteers and everyone who supported the sales. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community. We are immensely grateful for the love and support from St.



Ambrose parishioners, who not only baked, but came to our parish to help in sales, buying and celebrating with Christ The King Parish!! St. Patrick bless us all.

MARCH 23, 2025



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday:

Saturday, April 12 - 4:30 p.m. mass

Sunday, April 13 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 14 – 8:00 a.m. mass and

Lenten Confession evening from 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. mass and

9:15 am St. Ambrose school mass

Holy Thursday, April 17: **NO** 8:00 a.m. mass.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., followed by *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* until 10:30 pm.

Good Friday April 18th - Good Friday Services --

12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 19th -Blessing of the Easter Foods

at 1:00 p.m. in the church

Easter Vigil mass at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20th – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

DISCOVER FORMED THIS LENT

As many of you know, we have a parish subscription to the online Catholic resource called **FORMED**. They have a large number of videos and courses to consider. For example, for children there is the Brother Francis cartoon series that is extremely popular with young children. For adults, I recommend such video series like "Fearless: A Lenten video series"; "Jubilee: 700 years of seeking forgiveness"; and "the Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ". If you have never explored this wonderful resource, I invite you to do so, especially during the season of Lent. In order to sign up for FORMED (*it's free, by the way, because of our parish subscription*),

Go to www.stambroseparish.formed.org then enter the parish postal code: **M8W 3W2**. The parish name will appear – click St. Ambrose, and then create an account using your email. Once you have registered for **FORMED**, start exploring all the videos available and help make your Lent truly a springtime of growth in your faith.





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.*



THANK YOU FOR HEEDING THE LORD'S CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be." Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

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