

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

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PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 30

8:00 a.m. † Georgette Van Uffelen
req. by G. & B. Buenaventura

7:00 p.m. **Lenten Confessions until 8:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. *Followed by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.*

Friday, April 3, GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. **Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, HOLY SATURDAY

1:00 p.m. *Blessing of Easter Food only*

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. † Marie-Anne Crevier
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

† Antonio Falcone

req. by Filomena, Josie & Family

† Carmela Russo, req. by Angela Parisi

† Alfredo. † Caterina dn † Paolo Converse

req. by Emma Cirelli

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving & Birthday blessing for Gloria

req. by G. & B. Buenaventura

Birthday blessings for Agnes Mirga

PLEASE BRING YOUR SUNDAY MISSALS

with you for the **Passion/Palm Sunday** masses and **Good Friday** services, as the congregation will be speaking the part marked with "S".



LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

- April 3 – Good Friday (No Session)
- April 10- Life Teen
- April 17 - EDGE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER & DANCE



Honouring 75 Years of Brotherhood, Charity and Community Service. Join us for an evening of celebration as we mark this historic milestone. **75th Anniversary Dinner & Dance, Saturday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall.** Tickets: \$75.00 For more information, please contact Iaian Kwapien, DGK at 416-578-3346.



Holy Week

& EASTER MASS SCHEDULE 2026

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 30 – 8:00 a.m. mass and
Lenten Confession evening from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1 – 8:00 a.m. mass

Holy Thursday, April 2 - 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 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3
Good Friday services at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4
Blessing of the Easter Food at **1:00 p.m.** in the church
Easter Vigil Mass at **7:00 p.m.**

EASTER Sunday, April 5 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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** Contact **Agnes, Youth Minister** at amirga@archtoronto.org

ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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!



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When Eulogio learned his wife was pregnant—not just with one baby, but with twins—his joy multiplied. He dreamed of raising David and Emmanuel with the same love and care he had given his firstborn, determined to provide them with a warm home and a future full of possibility. But then, a devastating accident cost Eulogio his job, leaving his family without a reliable way to put food on the table or keep warm in the bitter cold. The weight of hunger and uncertainty grew heavier each day. Because of your kindness, ShareLife and Canadian Food for Children were able to step in, ensuring this family had food to sustain them. But there are more families in need. With your gift to ShareLife, you can enable more fathers like Eulogio to hold their children close and carry the strength to face tomorrow. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate



The Michael Power- St. Joseph High School (MPSJ) graduating class of '76 is happy to announce its 50th Anniversary Reunion

Celebration to take place on Thursday evening, June 11, 2026 at Markland Wood Golf Club in Etobicoke. If you or a family member or someone you know graduated from MPSJ in 1976 please invite them to register for the reunion at www.mpsjclassof76.com

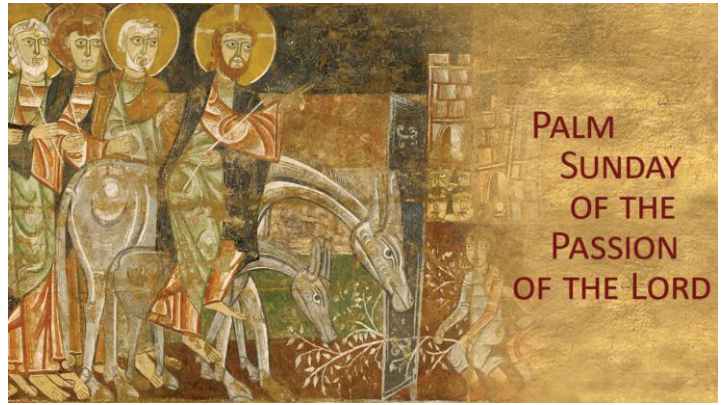
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER



There will be a Parent/Child First Holy Communion Workshop on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

CONFIRMATION MEETING REMINDER

There will be a Confirmation *Candidate Meeting on **Monday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church hall. All Candidates should arrive by 6:45 p.m. *Please ensure to bring your Duotangs.



The Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, also called Palm Sunday, represents the gate through which we enter into Holy Week. This is a time in which we contemplate the last moments of the life of Jesus. We recall Jesus’s entrance into Jerusalem, welcomed by a festive crowd, and then we recall his Passion. As early as 400, a procession with palms took place.

The liturgy is entirely characterized by the theme of Jesus’s Passion. This is true particularly regarding the Gospel texts which, according to the liturgical year, present the passion narrative. The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (the Song of the Suffering Servant, Isaiah 50), becomes a prayer in Psalm 22 with the refrain “*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*” The terror that Jesus bore in obeying the Father “*to the point of death, even death on a cross*” is attested to in the Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians. This is not so much the celebration of “grief” and “lament”, as much as a week that expresses the “heart” of the Paschal Mystery when Jesus gave His life for our salvation. Jesus became man because he loves us, and because of love He gives His life. It is through this obedience that Jesus loves the Father and loves the men and women He came to save.

On Palm Sunday, we are offered an interpretation of our life and destiny. All of our sufferings and grief find a response in Jesus. In the face of every question regarding why there is suffering, why there is death, why there are so many choices that are incomprehensible to the human mind, Jesus does not give us vague responses. With His life, he has told us that He is with us, at our sides. Until the end. We will never be alone – neither in our joys nor in our sufferings. Jesus is with us. It is a celebration that is understood through silence and prayer rather than through words, so as to enter into it with the heart.

Let us pray for Peace in the World



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