

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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 5, **Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, Service with Ashes,
St. Ambrose School

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

8:00 a.m. † John Van Uffelen

req. by G & B. Guenaventura

Friday, March 7, Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious

4:30 p.m. † Emilio Alcaraz, req. by the Family

† Phyllis Boulet, req. by Lou Boulet

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Mary Ruth McAuliffe and † Ivan McAuliffe

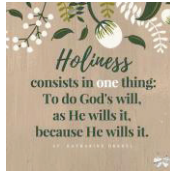
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

† Antonio Sacchetti, req. by Wife & Family

St. Ambrose Catholic Mother's Group

req. by Berta Byrne

11:00 a.m. † Silvana Salvador, req. by Patti DeAngelis



THE SEASON OF LENT & ASH WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, March 5th -

Ashes will be distributed on as follows:

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word service & distribution of ashes with St. Ambrose School

7:30 p.m. Mass

A gentle reminder to all: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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 (*in good health*) must abstain from meat.

During Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Michael Power - St. Joseph's Class of '75 High

School Reunion - Thursday, June 5, 2025 - Islington

Golf Club. For more information, please contact Mike

Cachia at: mcachia75@gmail.com

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>

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office

 will continue to open Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday, **10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

each day. I thank all of you for your understanding

regarding these hours, 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.

Edge is -Friday, March 7th

NEW MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

MASS OFFERING	
Donor _____ Tel _____	
Intention { For the Living (V) _____	
{ For the Deceased (M) _____	
No. of Masses <input type="checkbox"/> 100 - Assisted <input type="checkbox"/> 150 - Not Assisted _____	
Offering _____	
Date _____	

We have new envelopes available so that parishioners can complete them with details to offer a **Mass Intention for a**

loved one, (living or deceased) and to include the stipend. Envelopes can be dropped in the offertory collection or slip them through the mail slot on the bottom left side of the door at the rectory.

NUOVE BUSTE PER LE OFFERTE DI MESSA

SONO ORA DISPONIBILE Abbiamo a disposizione

nuove buste in modo che i parrocchiani possano

completarle con i dettagli per **offrire un'intenzione di**

messsa per una persona cara (vivente o defunta) e per

includere lo stipendio. Le buste possono essere

depositate nella raccolta dell'offertorio o farle

scivolare attraverso la fessura della posta sul lato

inferiore sinistro della porta della canonica.

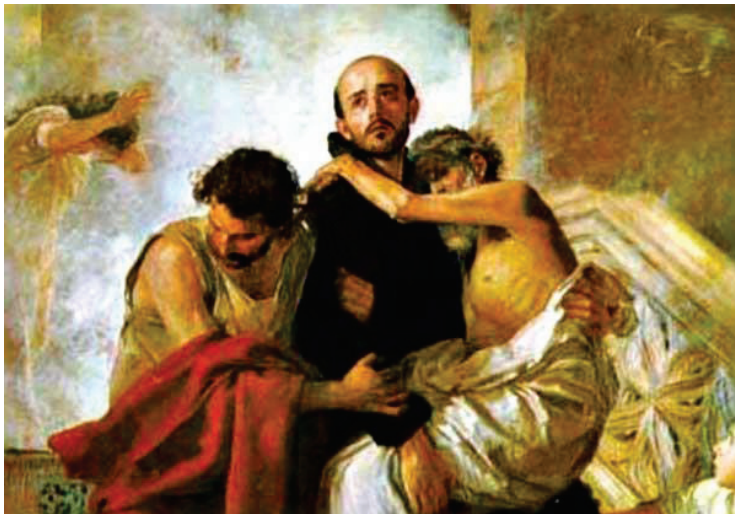
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAKE SALE



Our YOUTH MINISTRY which has been meeting at St Ambrose every Friday evening, is holding its Annual St Patrick's Day bake sale on Sunday, March 16th after all Masses at Christ the King (CTK). Please consider donating baked goods (home-made or bought) to this event from which all proceeds will go to the Youth Ministry. Baked goods may be brought to St Ambrose parish hall on Saturday, March 15 from 3 pm to 4.30 pm after which they will be transported to CTK by volunteers. Please contact Agnes, Youth Minister at 416-779-2342 for further details.



St. John of God – *“With outstretched arms He begs us to turn toward Him, to weep for our sins and to become servants of love, first for ourselves, then for our neighbours. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin.”*

PROJECT RACHEL AT ST. MARY'S REFUGE



Weekend Retreat, May 2-4, 2025, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands & cares, and have a chance to begin the healing from loss & grief. For more info please call: 289-691-6840 or email ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org

2024 TAX RECEIPTS are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, March 10th. Thank you for your generous support.



THE TORONTO ORATORY SUMMER SCHOOL





Registration for the annual **Oratory Summer School** has opened. Two sessions are available. The first session offers a systematic introduction to The Catechism of the Catholic Church. This 5-day course has 3 lectures per day and provides a solid foundation for navigating the Catechism on one's own, either for personal reading or for use in home schooling, RCIA courses or Catholic schools. *Although the course has been of great use to teachers and catechists, everyday Catholics find it accessible and intellectually nourishing.* The second session takes Jubilee Years as its theme, converging appropriately with 2025 being celebrated as a Jubilee Year in the universal Church and with the Toronto Oratory's own 50th anniversary, *for St. Philip himself directed a confraternity dedicated to the care of Jubilee pilgrims in Rome.* We shall study, among other topics, the theology and history of jubilees, Saint Philip's special association with Jubilees and the theme of the Church's Jubilee this year: Pilgrims of Hope. The first session will be July 7 to 11 and the second session July 14 to 18. The cost for each session, (including lunch each day for those attending in person), is \$200 per person. The cost for those attending online is \$175 per person. Accommodation is available in the seminary for \$100 per person, which covers the entire week. More info & registration please visit: <http://oratory-toronto.org/summer-school/>

PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN DRIVING & WALKING



There is a salt shortage that is expected to last for at least the next two weeks, possibly longer. We appreciate your understanding. Parking lots and walkways will **not** be snow free.

SI PREGA DI AVERE PARTICOLARE ATTENZIONE QUANDO SI GUIDA E SI CAMMINA. *C'è una carenza di sale che dovrebbe durare almeno per le prossime due settimane, forse di più. Apprezziamo la vostra comprensione. I parcheggi e i marciapiedi **non** saranno privi di neve.*

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