

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 31

8:00 a.m. † Jean Baptiste Couturier dit Labonte and
† Marguerite Baby Dite Duperon
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Wednesday, April 2, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Gloria Buenaventura's
Birthday, req. by G & B Buenaventura
† Michelantonio Fantetti, req. by Eufemia

Thursday, April 3

8:00 a.m.

Friday, April 4, St. Isadore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. † Giovanni Giannini, req. by Ida Falcone

Saturday, April 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

4:30 p.m. † St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group
req. by Berta Byrne
† Terry Zambri, req. by Rose M.

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Gennaro & † Eufemia Fandezze
req. by Maria Caronchia †
† Maria Carnonchia, req. by Son & Family
† Jacek, † Jan and † Teresa Sitarski,
† Pael, † Stefania and † Anna Pavlovski
req. by Krystyna Sitarski
† Antonio Sacchetti, req. by Wife & Family

11:00 a.m. † Antonio Catenacci, req. by G. Giannini



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for
special intentions, req. by B. Driscoll*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

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

CONFIRMATION The first Parents and Sponsors of the candidates meeting will be on Monday, March 31st from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church hall. The next candidates meeting is on Monday, April 7th from 7:00 - 8:30p.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, April 4th – EDGE. *N.B.: There are No meetings on April 11 & 18.* The Youth Ministry will **resume on Friday, April 25th.**

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



THIS WEEKEND IS SHARE LIFE SUNDAY

ShareLife Sunday marks the 1st collection for our parish's annual campaign. Share Life is more than a parish collection, it's how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. (from children to seniors). As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick came from a good home, but living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some, feeling like something was missing, & he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd. "By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise. "Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

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,, 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. Two other courses that could be of interest for you are "Lectio: Mary", Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? A close look at what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary; and the second is "Metanoia" - In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from a priest as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life He is constantly inviting us to.

ST. AMBROSE MOTHER'S GROUP The next meeting is on Thursday April 3rd, at 7 pm in the hall.

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 p.m.***



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.

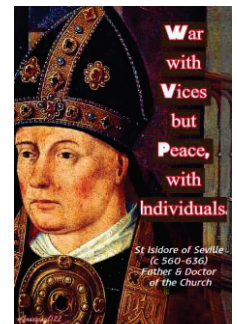
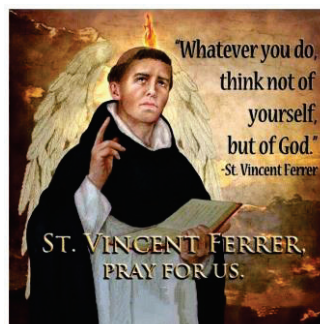
Wednesday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. mass and
 9:15 am St. Ambrose school mass

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.





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