

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome, Religious
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 a.m. † Ivan Edward McAuliffe and
† Mary Ruth McAuliffe
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Thursday, March 12

8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 13

8:00 a.m. † Francesco Di Franco, req. by A & R Farace
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 

Saturday, March 14

4:30 p.m. † Noel Mailloux
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Richard Lomas, req. by Liss Lomas
† Lourdes Montaner
req. by Maria Montalleb
† Gabriele Cicconi, req. by Maria Cicconi

Sunday, March 15, IV Sunday of Lent


9:00 a.m. † Jean Crevier dit Bellerive
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
11:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Philip Boldys
req. by Family
95th Birthday Blessings for Anna Puzio
req. by Daughter
† Walter Jakowec, req. by Daughter Suzie



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



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. (except March 20th, there will be a Youth Group Parish Passion Play at 7 p.m.) until Friday, March 27th.



LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN – Friday, March 13th

EDGE – Friday, March 20th

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!

PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING

The next Confirmation Parent Meeting & Sponsors (if possible, *as well*), will be on Monday, **March 9th** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall.

SL THROUGH SHARELIFE, YOU ENSURED TYLER DIDN'T FACE HIS HARDSHIPS ALONE

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life. Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting. 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.

✿ 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 at 7:00 p.m.** 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.* ✚



St. Frances of Rome
(1384 - 1440)

Saint Frances of Rome, help us to see the difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do. Help us to discern what comes from our will and what comes from God's desire. Amen

Please pray for a just Peace in the World



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