

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!



FIRST SUNADY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, March 10

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. In honour of St. Gregory Feast Day in the Philippines, req. by Jovy Livey

Thursday, March 13

8:00 a.m. † Martiniana Nunez
req. by G & B. Guenaventura

Friday, March 14

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 15

4:30 p.m. † Lourdes Montaner, req. by the Family

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Franco and † Giuseppe Caronchia
req. by Maria Caronchia †
† Antonio Sacchetti, req. by Ida Falcone

11:00 a.m. † Silvana Salvador, req. by Family Friend



THE SEASON OF LENT

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.*



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, 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 14 – Lifeteen & Friday March 21 - EDGE

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. 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>



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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.

JUBILEE 2025: LENTEN PILGRIMAGE In his homily at each of the Jubilee Regional masses, Cardinal Leo strongly encouraged each individual/family to consider a visit/pilgrimage to one or more of the designated Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto during this special year of blessings. A listing of these churches and resources for your visit can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/pilgrimage-churches/>

In addition, for those wishing to receive a Plenary Indulgence through their visit to a Pilgrimage church, further information can be found at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/year-of-prayer/home/plenary-indulgence/>

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YOUR LOVE IS A GUIDING LIGHT DURING



LENT Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at

Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life. Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at: www.sharelife.org/donate



IL TUO AMORE ILLUMINA LA STRADA DURANTE LA QUARESIMA

Maria, 64 anni, è da poco in Canada; è arrivata con grandi speranze di un futuro migliore ma si è trovata in difficoltà: senza un lavoro stabile né un alloggio a prezzo accessibile. Grazie al tuo sostegno a ShareLife, ha trovato assistenza presso la Catholic Crosscultural Services (servizi multiculturali cattolici), con sessioni di formazione personale che le hanno permesso di trovare sia un lavoro stabile che un alloggio. Maria ha anche trovato stabilità e serenità emotiva. Oggi Maria è un faro per gli anziani, aiutando tante altre persone ad usufruire dei servizi assistenziali che hanno trasformato la sua vita. Durante questa Quaresima, anche tu puoi essere un faro e fare da guida, a testimonianza dei poteri trasformativi e di riaffermazione della collettività. Per favore, fai una donazione presso la parrocchia utilizzando le buste di ShareLife, oppure via internet tramite il sito web della parrocchia, o tramite www.sharelife.org/donate

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be holding a "**Bundle Up Collection**" on weekend of MARCH 22/23 at Christ the King parish. Donations of new or gently used clothing; shoes, linens, bedding, draperies, and small household items can be dropped off at the truck in the church parking lot. Please let those items you can do without benefit those in need in our community. For more info call 416 486 1115. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

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.*






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