

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, May 4

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 a.m.

† Joseph-Antoine Forcier
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
Birthday blessings for Linda Linsao
Req. by the DeBlois Family

Thursday, May 7

8:00 a.m.

Friday, May 8


8:00 a.m.

† Pierre Baby dit Du Perron
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Emilio Alcaraz, req. by Family

Saturday, May 9

4:30 p.m.

† Carlos Ribeiro, req. by Family
† Francois Renoux dit La Chapelle
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Quentin Moral, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
10 yr Anniversary Blessings for
Alondra Mora & Omar Jimenez
† Kimberley A. Stewart (Sheehy), by Family

Sunday, May 10, VI Sunday of Easter *Mother's Day* 

9:00 a.m.

† Christina Gabrielle Armstrong
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group
† Pierre Gareman, req. by C. & K. McAuliffe
† Margherita Attanasio, req. by Nifo Family
† Verna Belanger and † Gina Iamundo
req. by Rosemary & Tony Iamundo
† Palmerino De Luca, req. by D. DeLuca
† Rosamaria and † Antonio Cirelli
req. by Emma Cirelli

11:00 a.m.

Birthday blessings for Julia Boldys
req. by Family
† Marg Gombita, req. by Pat & Gerry Bester



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 7 days in memory of † Maria Di Franco
req. by Lucia Mastrocola & Family



The Marian Lamp burns for 7 days in memory of † Antonio Di Franco
req. by Lucia Mastrocola & Family



LET US PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

A continuation of *Lectio Divina*



In response to the positive feedback received at Fr. Michael's Reflection Evening on March 26th, a decision was made to hold monthly *Lectio Divina* (*Sacred Reading*) meetings for our parishioners. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Church Hall**. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to practice *Lectio Divina*, by working with one of the readings for the following Sunday mass, followed by group sharing. All are invited to attend. The meeting will end before 8:30 pm.







YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE CAN BUILD THE PATH TO HOPE

Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and a pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something—a job, a home, a family—but addiction tore it all apart. For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible—until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the Good Shepherd's DARE Program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity, Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increases in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate

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

HELP NOT HARM: TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218

In recent weeks, Cardinal Leo has invited Catholics to reach out to their federal Member of Parliament (MP), asking them to support Bill C-218 – An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying), The Right to Recover Act. Write your Member of Parliament Today. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your MP, asking for their support of Bill C-218, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY



- May 8 - Life Teen
- May 15 – EDGE

EDGE CAMP WEST 2026 Registration for **EDGE Camp West 2026, August 15-19**, is now open. Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to register early to avoid missing out on this amazing experience of faith, friendship, and fun! For more information and to register, please visit the registration link provided. <https://edgencamp.campbrainregistration.com/>
Register today and join us at **EDGE Camp West 2026!**

CONFIRMATION & SPONSORS REHEARSAL



MEETING will take place on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC MOTHERS' GROUP



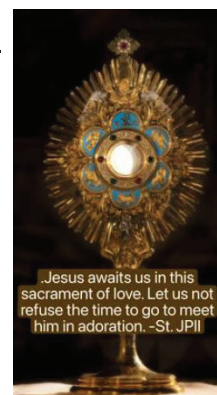
Join the St. Ambrose Catholic Mothers Group! We meet once a month to pray for our children, learn about the faith, and socialize! Our next gathering is Thursday, May 7th in the church hall, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. **Fr. Michael will be the featured speaker.** For more information, please get in touch with Berta by email at: stambrosemg@catholicmomsgroup.com

JOIN US FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH – FOR HOLY HOUR

Our Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration is every first Friday of the month from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

...Can you not watch an hour with me? Matthew 26:40

WHY MAKE A HOLY HOUR? by the Venerable, soon to be Beautified Fulton J. Sheen



- + *It is time spent in the presence of Our Lord Himself. If faith is alive, no further reason is needed....*
- + *In our busy lives, it takes considerable time to shake off the “noonday devils,” the worldly cares, that cling to our souls like dust....*
- + *Our Lord asked for it. “Had you no strength, then, to watch with me even for an hour?”....*
- + *The Holy Hour keeps a balance between the spiritual and the practical....*
- + *The Holy Hour will make us practice what we preach....*
- + *The Holy Hour helps us make reparation for the sins of the world and for our own sins. When the Sacred Heart appeared to St. Margaret Mary, it was His Heart, and not His head, that was crowned with thorns. It was Love that was hurt. Black Masses, sacrilegious communions, scandals, militant atheism—who will make up for them?....*
- + *It reduces our liability to temptation and weakness. Presenting ourselves before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is like putting a tubercular patient in good air and sunlight. The virus of our sins cannot long exist in the face of the Light of the world....*
- + *The Holy Hour is a personal prayer....*
- + *Meditation keeps us from seeking an external escape from our worries and miseries....*
- + *The Holy Hour is necessary for the Church.... To abide with Christ is spiritual fellowship, as He insisted on the solemn and sacred night of the Last Supper, the moment He chose to give us the Eucharist: “You have only to live on in me, and I will live on in you” (John 15:4). He wants us in His dwelling: “That you, too, may be where I am” (John 14:3).*



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