

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.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services: 416-733-8544

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, Youth Ministry, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus & Honouring God's Creation Society

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US!

MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, August 31

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Joseph & Sarah Gombar
req. by Betty DeBlois & Family

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 a.m. † Sean Nolan, req. by Colleen Nolan

Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Dr of Church

8:00 a.m.

Friday, September 4

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 5, St. Teresa of Calcutta

4:30 p.m. † John Edward Bowyer
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
† Frank Ford, req. by P. O'Brien

Sunday, September 6, XIII Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Hope Banisch Venneri
req. by Mama, Papa and Noah
† Ivan Nerad, req. by Fiorentina Giuliano
11:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary Blessings for Lucy & Emilio
Falcone, req. by daughter Maria



PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES



A continuation of **Lectio Divina** - In response to the positive feedback received at Fr. Michael's Reflection Evening in March, a decision was made to hold monthly *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading) meetings for our parishioners. The next meeting will resume again **Thursday September 24th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Church Hall**. (Going forward, Fr. Michael anticipates it will be held on the 2nd Thursdays of the month). 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.



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of September 12-13, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS WITH CARDINAL LEO

– Saturday, November 21, 2026

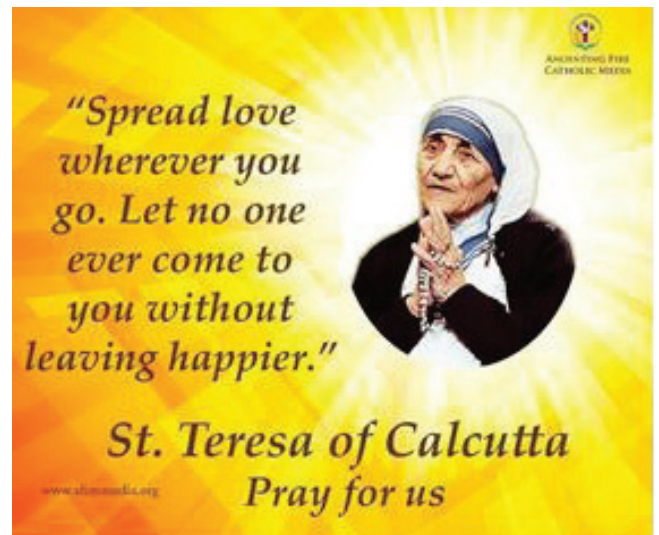
Come together for an evening of faith, prayer, community, and joyful celebration as we honour Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and gather as one Church. Free admission. No registration required. Open to all young adults ages 19-39. Bring a friend and come be a part of this beautiful celebration of Christ the King, faith and fellowship!

Video link: <https://bit.ly/WYDMass2026>



CWL- The Catholic Women's League

The Next meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 17th** in the Church hall from 7-8 pm.





ST. AMBROSE BEST BAZAAR EVER

Save the Dates

Saturday, October 17th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. &

Sunday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The St. Ambrose annual bazaar will soon be upon us and we need your help. Please email the office to at stambroseET@archtoronto.org to volunteer or if you attend the 9:00 am mass, speak to Kevin who's at the main doors before mass. For those of you who have already volunteered, thank you and we'll be in touch shortly. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup, receiving donations, working at the bazaar, cleanup, and redistribution of leftovers after the bazaar. Many hands make light work. There is another group, the "Voluntolds". Don't worry, we do have your number and we'll be in touch with you shortly as well. Information about donating will be available in the next bulletin.

LAKESHORE YOUTH MINISTRY RETURNS THIS



SEPTEMBER!

✦ **WE'RE BACK!**

WELCOME BACK! Summer may be coming to an end, but something exciting

is just beginning! **EDGE & LifeTeen are back at St. Ambrose!** Get ready for another year of friends, faith, games, challenges, laughter, prayer, and unforgettable Friday nights. **SEPTEMBER KICK-OFF**

SEPTEMBER 11 — LIFETEEN (Grades 9–12)

OPENING NIGHT!

SEPTEMBER 18 — EDGE (Grades 5–8)

SEPTEMBER 25 — LIFETEEN (Grades 9–12)

FRIDAYS • 6:00–9:45PM at St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Bring your energy. Bring your friends. And come ready for an incredible year!

This is more than a Friday night. It's a place to belong, grow, and encounter Christ. ♥ SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry

RCIA The Rite to Christian Initiation of Adults, known as RCI, is a program that prepares adults who are not members of the Roman Catholic Church, to be either baptized or else received into the RC Church, as well as making their 1st Communion & Confirmation. If you are an adult who is interested, please go to www.stambroseparish.com and click on Forms on the

homepage, then click on R.C.I.A. form. Complete the form & send it to Fr. Michael by emailing Fr.Michael@live.ca Classes will commence at the end of October, on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Church, we haven't yet confirmed the start date. More to follow. The program will conclude with the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 27th, 2027.



CATHOLIC MOTHERS GROUP

The Catholic Mothers Group will resume meetings on **Thursday, September 3rd** in the Church hall from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. All Moms welcome, hope to see you there.

THE CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP LEADER

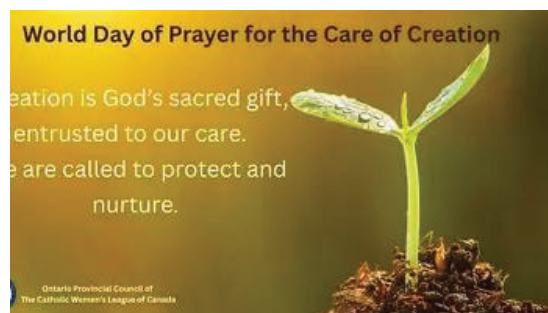
SUMMIT - Saturday, September 19, 2026

from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Le Treport -

SPEAKERS: Fr. Tom Lynch — What Does It Take to Be a Flourishing Catholic Leader? Adeodata Czik — The Art of Hospitality and Social Graces. Fr. Jonasz Lalik - **More Than an Icon: The Story and Spirituality of Our Lady of Częstochowa**, Nelcy Lopez — The Four S's of a Catholic Moms Group, Dorothy Pilarski — Keep Them Coming Back! Cathy Quartarone - Why Minister to Young Moms & How? Register through Eventbrite: cmgsummit2026.eventbrite.ca The reg'n fee includes breakfast, light lunch & a free gift.

ARISE CONFERENCE - For Young Professionals

September 26, 2026 at Canada Events Centre, Whitby Conference includes: Inspiring speakers, networking and community building, meals, Mass and Adoration, Tickets available here: YPCT 2026 Arise Conference. Carpooling options available. For more details you can visit our Instagram page 'YPCToronto' as well as our website www.ypct.ca.



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