

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!

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16, Bl Anthony Grassi of the Oratory, Priest
8:00 a.m. (+) Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna & Family
(+) Manuel Linsao, req. by Erlinda Linsao

Wednesday, December 18
8:00 a.m.



Thursday, December 19
8:00 a.m.

Friday, December 20
8:00 a.m. (+) Antonietta Lombardi
req. by Lucy DiFranco

Saturday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. (+) Palmerina DeLuca,
req. by Domenica DeLuca
(+) Pasquale & (+) Caterina De Luca,
(+) Gennaro & (+) Anna De Luca,
req. by the DeLuca Family
(+) Ergolo & (+) Letizia Vento, req. by Family
(+) Antonietta Lombardi, req. by Ida Falcone
4th Birthday wishes for Amara Cacciaccaro,
req. by the Family
11:00 a.m. (+) Hope Banisch Venneri
req. by Mama, Papa & Noah
(+) Emilio Calderone,
req. by Carmela Calderone
(+) Reg Pitre, req. by Rochelle Jones


FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

 **& CONFIRMATION:** All dates have been set. For more info & Registration, please visit www.stambroseparish.com and click on Schools tab. 



"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." – Pope Francis

PROPERTY & BUILDING UPDATE & VIDEO

 On the weekend of September 27/28, a video presentation was shared at the end of the 3 weekend masses. This presentation considered the history of the area, the establishment & growth of St. Ambrose parish since 1955, and the parish to address a number of building and property issues of the church. This presentation can still be viewed at www.stambroseparish.com/photo-gallery.html Based on a Preliminary Property Assessment Report commissioned during the summer, the many issues were found, such as:

- Remove existing asphalt and regrade and repave the parking lot
- Excavate and repave the inside of the garage
- Replace many existing window wells around the building
- Address water ingress damage to the church walls
- Address the church front steps
- Brick repointing as needed
- Replace church and rectory AC units
- Replace the church sign near Browns Line
- Chimney on south-west side of church roof needs to be taken down
- Repair the flat roof over the mechanical room
- Replace carpets, install flooring for some of the rooms in the hall basement
- Repair the north-west stairs by the garage
- Update lighting in the hall
- Add a backflow preventer to the hall
- Possibly replace the main church doors
- Kneeler and pew repairs in the church

In the Property assessment report, it was estimated that the total costs of these repairs would be at least \$450,000. Currently, we have we have over \$79,000 on deposit with the Archdiocese of Toronto, and roughly \$88,000 in our Family of Faith account with the archdiocese. Over the last few months, parishioners have donated over \$55,000 through our Building Fund that is being deposited with the archdiocese; until that time that we begin these repairs. However, this still leaves us needing to raise at least another \$220,000 in the near future.

I urge you to give generously to the Parish Building Fund, both before the year end and in 2025. We have an agreement with the archdiocese that **we can keep**

100% of your donations to the Building Fund until the end of 2025, unlike the 15% tax we pay to the archdiocese on our regular offertory collections. God bless you! *Fr. Michael Machacek*



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES ✝



December 24th - 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

December 25th - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

December 31st - 4:30 pm

January 1st - 9:00 am and 11:00 am



(No mass on Thursday, Dec. 26th & Thursday, Jan. 2nd)

ADVENT CONFESSIONS – For the season of Advent, the time of our Saturday confessions have been extended, as follows:

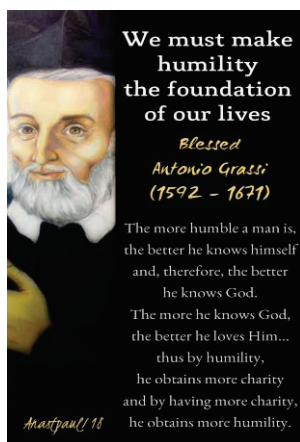
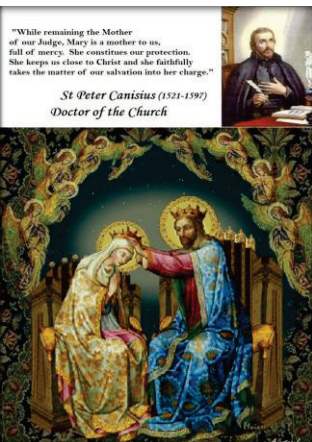
Saturday, December 14th – 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 21st – 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m



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SOCKS FOR SHELTERS



Men's and Women's shelters provide clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a special need for *new socks and underwear*. Parishioners are asked to purchase **sport/work socks or underwear** if they can. We are collecting them at the entrance to the church for distribution to **The Good Shepherd and Canadian Food For Children**. Thank you for your help.

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE OF 2025

Regional Masses will celebrate our new Cardinal as well as the blessed Jubilee Year which opens on December 29th. Please take note of the event for your own calendar, which will start at 7:00 p.m.: **The Mass for our Western Region** will be Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at St. Mary's Parish in Brampton.



Please keep Cardinal Leo close in prayer.



2025 OFFERATORY ENVELOPES

Parishioners who have donation envelopes assigned to them can pick them up at the back of the church. Some of the envelope labels didn't print the first time, we have updated the list now. Please ensure you select the one with **your** name on it. If you have a change of address or phone number, please write the updated information on the envelope with "NEW". For the first few donations of 2025, please **PRINT your Name, Address, Phone number & email address** clearly. Anyone who is not yet registered, and would like to have envelopes assigned to them, please complete the Registration forms that can be found at www.stambroseparish.com under the **Forms** tab and return them by email or drop them off in the office.




HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note the office will be Closed on: Monday, December 23rd – Thursday, December 26th & Tuesday, December 31st – Thursday, December 2nd




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