

# 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](http://www.stambroseparish.com) or you can email [stambroseET@archtoronto.org](mailto: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

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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 13, St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Health of Dennis Marcellino, req. by Family

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 a.m. †Emma May Cooper (Bowyer)  
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe

Thursday, January 16,

8:00 a.m. †Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystina Sitarski

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 18

4:30 p.m. †Phyllis Boulet, req. by CWL

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. †Franco and †Giuseppe Caroncchia  
req. by Maria Caroncchia

11:00 a.m. †Cizaltina and †Manuel Pereira  
req. by Terri Garcia

†Filippo DeRosa, req. by Vera & Pat DeLuca



### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

or **Theophany**, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana.

**Thank you to everyone who generously donated socks and underwear in our "Socks For Shelters" collection.** We delivered 6 large bags (about 200 pounds) to The Good Shepherd Ministries who take what they need and send the rest to Canadian Food For Children. Your response is beautiful and so much appreciated by the poor and homeless.

*Thank You*

**BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE** Lo Spirito Santo giunge ad attestare in modo solenne la divinità di Gesù nel momento in cui ha compiuto, come un uomo qualsiasi, il gesto penitenziale, essendosi sottoposto al battesimo di Giovanni.



Durante la sua vita terrena, Gesù non si mostrerà mai tanto grande come nell'umiltà dei gesti e delle parole. Importante lezione questa, per noi che vediamo le cose in modo tanto diverso. Seguire Cristo significa intraprendere questo cammino di umiltà, cioè di verità. Cristo, vero Dio e vero uomo, ci insegna la verità del nostro essere.

Feriti dal peccato, purificati dal battesimo, noi oscilliamo fra i due estremi, entrambi attraenti, del male e della santità. E questo si vive nella quotidianità più umile. Ad ogni passo possiamo scegliere Dio e il suo amore, o, viceversa, rifiutarlo. Seguire le orme di Gesù, significa assicurarsi un cammino che, nonostante sia stretto e sassoso, conduce alla vita eterna, alla vera beatitudine.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD** *The Holy Spirit comes to solemnly attest to the divinity of Jesus at the moment when he performed, like any other man, the penitential gesture, having undergone John's baptism. During his earthly life, Jesus will never show himself to be so great as in the humility of gestures and words. This is an important lesson for us who see things so differently. Following Christ means embarking on this path of humility, that is, of truth. Christ, true God and true man, teaches us the truth of our being.*

Wounded by sin, cleansed by baptism, we oscillate between the two extremes, both attractive, of evil and holiness. And this is lived in the humblest daily life. At every step we can choose God and his love, or, vice versa, reject it.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus means ensuring a path that, despite being narrow and stony, leads to eternal life, to true beatitude.

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

 **& CONFIRMATION:** Registration for First Holy Communion is now closed. **Mandatory Information & Registration Meeting for Confirmation is Saturday, February 1, 2025.** For more information, please visit [www.stambroseparish.com](http://www.stambroseparish.com) and click on the Schools tab. 

### A BIG THANK YOU FROM FATHER MICHAEL

My dear parishioners, we have come to the end of the Christmas season. I need to thank all those who generously gave of their time in different ways and in various ministries to ensure that our sacred Christmas season masses and celebrations be filled with faith, warmth and welcome.



I also wish to thank the many parishioners who generously gave cards and gifts to myself and to Fr. Brian. Both of us were deeply touched by your kindness. Bless you!!

### UN GRANDE GRAZIE DA PADRE MICHAEL



*Miei cari parrocchiani, siamo giunti alla fine del periodo Natalizio. Devo ringraziare tutti coloro che hanno generosamente donato il loro tempo in diversi modi e in vari ministeri per garantire che le nostre*

*sacre messe e celebrazioni del periodo Natalizio siano piene di fede, calore e accoglienza.*

*Desidero anche ringraziare i numerosi parrocchiani che hanno generosamente donato cartoline e regali a me e a P. Brian. Entrambi siamo stati profondamente toccati dalla vostra gentilezza. Salute!!*

### TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

While our parish secretary, Gabriella, continues to mend from her health setback, during the month of January the parish office will still continue to open

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but only from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day.**

I thank all of you for your understanding regarding these hours, as well as those parishioners who have volunteered to serve in the office during those hours. Gabriella is able to do some work for the parish from home at this time. Please do keep her in your prayers as she convalesces. *She is very grateful & thanks you all.* ❤️



Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine & Lebanon

### YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE



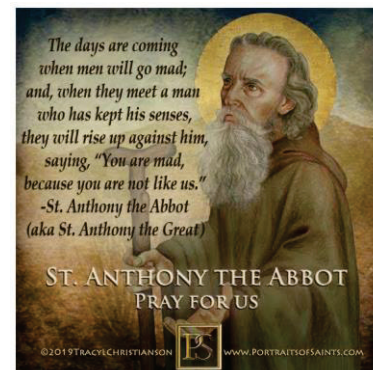
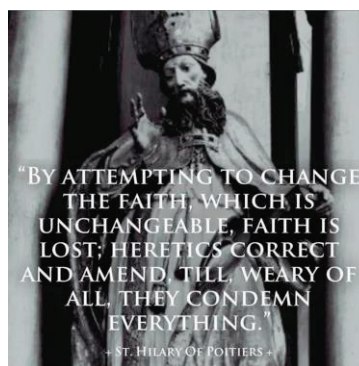
**Starting on Friday, January 24th**, and until mid-June, the South Etobicoke Youth Ministry youth ministry nights, which had been held at Christ the King parish, will now be held here at St. Ambrose.

These Friday evening gatherings will alternate between the EDGE program (for youth in Grades 6-8) and the Lifeteen program (for high school students). More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

We thank God for this ministry, which serves the youth of Christ the King, St. Ambrose, St. Leo's and St. Teresa's parishes. *Let us pray for all those involved in running it. and our young people who will be attending it.*

### BAPTISM AND LIFE

“Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we “live” – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007. ...Priestsforlife.org





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