

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 20, St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Ed MacDonald, req. by C & K McAuliffe

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 a.m. † Antonietta Lombardi, req. by Ida Falcone
† Estrellita Papag, req. by Flor Papag

9:15 a.m. St. Ambrose School Mass

Thursday, January 23, St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

8:00 a.m. † Cipriana Costelo, req. by G & B Buenaventura

Friday, January 24, St. Frances deSales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

4:30 p.m. † Asuncion & † Jose Magsaly, req. by Family

Sunday, January 26, III Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Michel LaRonde, req. by C & K McAuliffe
† Margherita Attanasio, req. by Mina Nifo
† Antonietta Lombardi

req. by Joseph Carrescia & Family

11:00 a.m. † Angelo, † Manuel and † Gloria Garcia

req. by Terri Garcia

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME Once the Season of Christmas is completed, the Church begins the Season of Ordinary Time. This Season is divided into 2 parts: the first, the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Ash Wednesday; and the second, from the Monday following Pentecost until the 1st day of Advent. According to the *Ordo*, which is the official liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, we read the following about Ordinary Time:

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this way the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.




The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 21 days in
honour of St. Anthony-
req. by B Driscoll



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 and click on the Schools tab. 

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

 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.

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.*



JUBILEE OF YOUTH 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time! We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23- August 5th, 2025. Please contact youth@archtoronto.org to receive the pilgrim info package and detailed itinerary.



Jubilees are precious times for taking stock of our lives, both as individuals and as communities. They are opportunities for reflection, recollection and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today (cf. Rev 2:7)

PRAYER FOR THE GREAT JUBILEE 2025

*Father in heaven,
May the faith You have given us
in Your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of Your Kingdom.
May Your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
Your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims
of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth,
To You our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

His Holiness, Pope Francis

JUBILEE MASSES FOR THE WESTERN REGION



In commemoration of the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Pastoral Region, there will be two Masses celebrated in the Western Region Pilgrimage Parishes. The first will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Leo, at *St. Mary's Parish, Brampton on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.* **This is also a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the elevation of His Eminence to the College of Cardinals.** Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the second Regional Mass at *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.* Confessions will be available prior to each Mass from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. We hope you can join in one or both of these Masses.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1/25, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn: **1) How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
2) How to create your own legacy &
3) About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals



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3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

- 1. scan this QR code:**
- 2. follow this QR link:** qrco.de/WebFeb01
- 3. send an email to:** Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar February 1" in the title line and your name(s) in the body of the message.

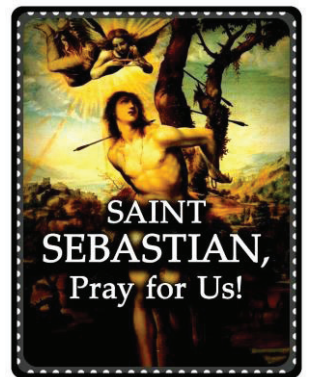
Mary, Mother of God School Now Registering

for 2025/2026 (NEW FAMILY RATES) Have you heard of Mary, Mother of God School? We are an affordable private school (Grades K-12) located in the Roncesvalles/Parkdale area. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition with a special devotion to Our Lady, we have an excellent academic program, a dynamic and joyful student life, and small classes where each student is known and loved. We are now interviewing for September 2025: please visit our website at www.marymotherofgodschool.org or call us at 416-531-7897.



"As soon as we wake up, turn to the Lord, thank Him for another day, dedicate it to Him and ask His help for living it in a way pleasing to Him."

- St. Francis de Sales



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of
St. Paul*






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