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

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, Communion Ministers, Lectors, Lay Pastoral Visitors, Ushers, St. Ambrose Choir and Youth Choir, Youth Ministry, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus.

AA Meetings, Tuesdays at 8 pm in the Parish Hall

WE WELCOME **YOU** TO JOIN US!

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MASSES & INTENTIONS JMJ

Monday, November 16, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:00 a.m. †Anna Crocker
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
†Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski
†Anthony DeSouza, req. by Gail DeSouza

Wednesday, November 18, Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Saint Rose Philippine, Duchesne, Virgin

8:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. St. Ambrose Catholic School Mass

Thursday, November 19

8:00 a.m. †Michael Fantetti
req. by John Caronchia & Family

Friday, November 20

8:00 a.m. †Rosario Guiang, req. by Josie Guiang

Saturday, November 21, **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30 p.m. †Rosa Ruggiero, req. by George Ruggiero
†Nicola Mercurio, req. by Donna Micco

Sunday, November 22, **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

9:00 a.m. †Jeanne Badeau
req. by Carol & Kevin McAuliffe
†Fabio Capobianco
req. by Mrs. Capobianco
†Joseph and †Bruce Wuebbolt
req. by the Wuebbolt Family

11:00 a.m. Intentions for Matea Ana Carmen Demetra Menezes, req. by Marilyn Guerra

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Life Teen - High School Teens, Friday, November 20th
EDGE -- Grades 5–8, Friday, November 27th
6:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES



A continuation of ***Lectio Divina*** - (*Sacred Reading*). The next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 17th 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 by *8:30 pm.at the latest.*

SIGN UP FOR ALPHA!

Our Alpha team is ready to launch the Alpha course at St. Ambrose Parish! Who is Alpha for? Anyone over 19 who is searching for "something more" in their lives, who is looking to deepen their faith, or return to their faith; anyone who is looking for answers to some of life's questions. Alpha is for you! **Alpha will begin on Wednesday, January 20th and will run for 9 consecutive Wednesdays,** (one week off TBD) **with a Retreat Day on Saturday, March 20th**. We start each session with dinner, followed by a video and small group discussions. **The time commitment each week is 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. (The Retreat Day will be from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)** **A Request for Meal Team Volunteers:** At each Alpha session, we provide a meal for our guests. We are looking for volunteers to share their love of cooking and their kitchen clean-up skills! This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get a glimpse at what Alpha's all about. If you're interested in being on a meal team, please reach out to: **Michael Henry at** mjhenry@hshlawyers.com or 647-282-1972.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST SPECIAL COLLECTION

The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. For those who wish to donate, please put your envelope in the regular collection basket. *Thank you for your support of this important work.*

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There is a long-standing tradition in the Roman Catholic Church ***to pray for the repose of the souls of our Faithful Departed in November***. Here at St. Ambrose, there are 2 ways you can do so. The first is to write down the name(s) of your deceased loved ones into our parish's **Books of the Names of the Dead**, which can be found on the table in the vestibule of the narthex, and those names will be remembered in all of our November masses. The second way is by using the **All Souls Remembrance offertory envelopes**, which will be available at the church entrances. You can then write the names of your loved ones who have died. You then place these completed envelopes in the designated basket by the

Books of the Names of the Dead in the vestibule. These envelopes will then be collected each day and then placed on the altar for the month of November, and again, the names written on them will be remembered in all our November masses. Other ways of honouring the departed souls are by visiting the cemetery, lighting candles and offering masses for the deceased to help them on their journey toward heaven. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen**

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO SHARELIFE AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! *Your gift will double in value! From November 2 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000.* Your gift to ShareLife transforms the lives of tens of thousands of people who turn to over 40 ShareLife-funded agencies for help. In moments of hardship, you can feed the hungry, comfort lonely seniors, enable Deaf children and their families to communicate, guide struggling families to counselling, and share the Gospel in developing countries.

St. Michael's Choir School presents **JOYEUX NOEL! A CANADIAN CHRISTMAS AT MASSEY HALL.** This Christmas, experience the wonder of the season through the music of Canada's finest composers and arrangers. **Joyeux Noel! A Canadian Christmas** is a stirring celebration of the Nativity, showcasing a rich tapestry of sacred choral masterworks, beloved carols, and newly imagined Christmas favourites, all crafted by Canadian musical voices from across the country and from within the distinguished tradition of St. Michael's Choir School. Tickets are now available at www. masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: MAPLE. For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416-872-4255.

CWL Members of the Catholic Women's League are holding their monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.** We invite all members and ladies of the parish to come. Find out what your CWL is doing here and across Canada. New members are always welcome! Meetings are shared via email for those who cannot attend.

🦁 **Wild About Jesus: The Great Christmas Safari** 🦁 **Children in Grades 2–5 and their families are invited to a FREE Christmas celebration!** Join us on **Saturday, December 12, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM** at **St. Teresa Parish Hall** for an evening of faith, fun & fellowship. Enjoy a family dinner, games, crafts, music, raffles, a visit from Santa, gifts for the children & a joyful Christmas message as we launch **Living Faith Kids**, a new Catholic faith and fellowship program beginning in 2027. **Space Is Limited -** Please register by **November 30, 2026** to reserve your family's spot:

🔗 **Register Here** https://tinyurl.com/livingfaithkids

📧 **Questions, Volunteer or Donate? Contact us at:** livingfaithkids.stteresa@gmail.com

BARBER SERVICE FOR SENIORS One of our kind Parishioners, Joseph Rejante, is offering free haircuts for Seniors on **Saturday, November 21st from 1-4 pm** in the Church hall, on a first come first serve basis. This is a free service, if anyone wishes to donate, it would be appreciated and the donations will be given to the Parish.

☕ **COFFEE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29** **Support Our Youth Group!** Please join us on **Sunday, November 29, after each Mass** for Coffee Sunday! Come enjoy a cup of coffee, delicious treats, and a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a parish community. **We are kindly asking for donations of baked goods and sweet treats**, such as cookies, muffins, cakes, cupcakes, or any other goodies you would like to share. Your generosity and kindness help support our Youth Group and the activities that bring our young people together in faith, friendship, and community. **Thank you for supporting our Youth Group!** Your generosity truly makes a difference. ❤️

CONFIRMATION Online registration for Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, November 25th at 1:00 p.m. All the details, schedules, classes and Confirmation dates will be posted on the website at that time on our website www.stambroseparish.com under the **Sacraments** tab, then **Confirmation** tab.

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