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 23, St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 a.m. †Jesse Armstrong, req. by C & K McAuliffe
†Hanky Roxas, req. by Nanette & Family

Wednesday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 a.m. †Mary Dowdle, req. by C & K McAuliffe
†Maddeline Hertel, req. by C & K McAuliffe
†Anna Vertuani, req. by Gene Marbella
†Asuncion and †Jose Magsalay
req. by Family
†Dennis Roxas, req. by Nanette & Family

Thursday, November 26

8:00 a.m. †Marie Margerie, req. by C & K McAuliffe
†Giuseppina DiFranco
req. by Antonio & Rosaria Farace

Friday, November 27

8:00 a.m. †Bong Roxas, req. by Nanette & Family

Saturday, November 28

4:30 p.m. †Gerald Fredericks, req. by Andre Fredericks
†For all the Babies at St. Marguirite Bourgeoys Fertility Centre lost to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss
req. by Teresa Fraccaro
†Anthony, †Laura, †Alfred and †George Pignataro, req. by Adam Pignataro

Sunday, November 29, **First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. †Maria, †Giuseppe and †Frank Caronchia
req. by Family
†Benjamin Gustilo
req. by Darleen, Bryan & Caileen
†Doreen and †Gord Power
req. by the Wuebbolt Family
†Flora Vaz, req. by Charlotte & Ed Wren
†Margarita and †Antonio Attanasio
req. by the Nifo Family

11:00 a.m. †Michael Puzio, req. by Anna Puzio
†Manuel Frias, req. by Cardoso Family
†Estrellita Mabel Papag
req. by Florencio Papag

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

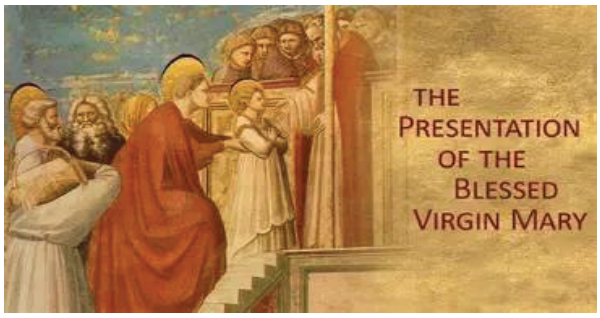
Saturday, December 5th – 6:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church Hall. For tickets and more information please see the bulletin boards at the church entrances or contact the office at 416-251-8282.

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.

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 ***Book of the Names of the Dead***, (on the table at the front of the church, in front of the sanctuary), & those names will be remembered in all of our November masses. The second way is by using the ***All Souls Remembrance offertory envelopes***, which are available at the church entrances & write the names of your loved ones who have died. Place these completed envelopes in the basket by the **Book of the Names of the Dead**. The envelopes will be collected each day & then placed on the altar for the month of November & again, the names written on them will be remembered in all our November masses. Other ways to honour 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



A BIG THANK YOU FROM SHEPARD'S TRUST

Dear St. Ambrose Parish:

Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd's Thanksgiving food drive. Your kindness is providing nourishing meals, dignity, and hope to people who would otherwise go hungry.

Your donations make a real difference, helping Good Shepherd to serve an average of 1,100 meals each day.

Please extend my grateful thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive. Your compassion changes lives for the better!

With gratitude,

Julie Springer
Fundraiser, Community & Volunteer Resources

🦁 **Wild About Jesus: The Great Christmas Safari** 🦁
Children up to Grade 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,** to reserve your family's spot with QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/livingfaithkids
Questions, Volunteer or Donate? Contact us at: livingfaithkids.stteresa@gmail.com

PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES

A continuation of ***Lectio Divina*** **-** (*Sacred Reading*).



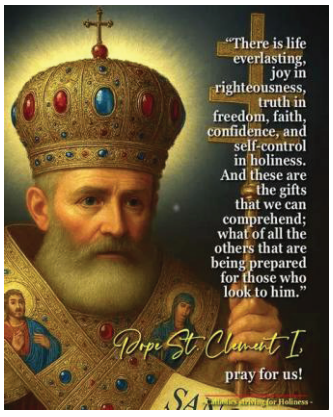
The next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m**. in the **Church Hall.** Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to practice *Lectio Divina,* by working with one of the readings for the following Sunday mass, followed by group sharing. All are invited to attend. The meeting will end by *8:30 pm.at the latest.*

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Life Teen - High School Teens, Friday, November 27th
EDGE -- Grades 5–8, Friday, December 4th
6:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. at St. Ambrose Parish Hall

COFFEE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29

Please join us on **Sunday, November 29, after each Mass**! 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'd like to share. **Thank you for supporting our Youth Group!** *Your generosity truly makes a difference.* ❤️





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