

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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MASS INTENTIONS 

Monday, October 28

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30, Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 31

8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 1, All Saints

8:00 a.m. (+) Jacek Sitarski, req. by Krystyna Sitarski
 (+) Toti DeVera,
 req. by Nanette DeVera & Family

Saturday, November 2, (All Souls)

4:30 p.m. Mary Gaudet, req. by the Family
 (+) Estrellita Naval Papag
 req. by Florencio Papag
 (+) Mario Falcone, req. by Ida Falcone
 (+) Elisabetta Mollica
 req. by the Nicoletta Family

Sunday, November 3, XXXI Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (+) Caterina & (+) Pasquale De Luca
 req. by the Family
 (+) Maria Ivis, req. by Anita Marn
 (+) Palmerino DeLuca, req. by the Family
 (+) Rosa & (+) Leonardo Pescilli
 req. by the Family
 (+) Jan, (+) Teresa (+) Jacek Sitarski
 req. by the Family
 (+) Pavel, (+) Stefania & (+) Anna Pavlovki
 req. by the Family

11:00 a.m. (+) Michael Puzio, req. by Anna Puzio
 (+) Maria (+) Lorenzo (+) Gaetano &
 (+) Rosa Casaluze, req. by the Family
 (+) Giueseppe & (+) Domenico Sabatino
 req. by the Family

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ALL SAINTS' DAY Is honoring all saints, known and unknown. It recognizes those who have attained heaven, emphasizing the call to holiness for all believers. and is a day for reflection, prayer, and remembrance of the faithful who have passed away.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Praying for the Faithful Departed in November


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 two ways to you can do so. The first way is to *write down the name(s) of your deceased loved ones into our parish's **Books of the Names of the Dead.***

These books can be found on the table in the vestibule of the narthex of the church, and those names will be remembered in all of our November masses.

The second way to do so is by *using the **All Souls' Remembrance 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 & 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 



2024-25 MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED

The new missals will be available next weekend in the Narthex of the church for \$5.00.



PROPERTY & BUILDING UPDATE VIDEO



The video presentation shared by Fr. Michael during the September 28th & 29th masses has been posted on our website: www.stambroseparish.com To view it, please see the link at the top of the page, under the Photo Gallery tab.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION

& CONFIRMATION:

First Holy Communion/Reconciliation dates have been set, please check our website: www.stambroseparish.com under the **Schools** tab, for all the information and Registration. Confirmation information will be posted in November.



MEMENTO MORI

Translated from Latin, Memento Mori means, "Remember that you must die." It is not intended to be morbid – rather to illuminate & inspire; it's a reminder of the transient nature of life



and the inevitability of death. The idea of recognizing our mortality has been around for millennia; as the purpose of the congregants was to prepare themselves for a Good Death, meditating on the brevity of life and the importance of being in a state of Grace by practicing spiritual & physical works of mercy, a few such ways was Masses for the Souls in purgatory and visiting the sick.

As St. Paul says in the scriptures, "I have been crucified with Christ & it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." This passage can serve to remind us that in embracing memento mori, we, the faithful see themselves as having already undergone a death with Christ and now live a life of faith devoted to a higher purpose.

'Death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart' (Ecclesiastes 7:2)

Lighting Candles for Special Intentions or in the Memory of Loved ones

The candles on the altar represent the **light and presence of God**. Candles are often seen as a symbol of prayer, devotion, and the presence of Christ. Besides being used in many liturgical celebrations, vigils and memorials; the act of lighting candles is also used in personal prayer, *bringing light into darkness - signifying hope and guidance*. Lighting a candle is a beautiful way to honor saints or remember your loved ones.



A Prayer when Lighting a Candle

O blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and Love for You.

Like this candle, I am ready to be used in Your service, without asking why & to what purpose. Even as this candle, I wish to stand in Your presence to be consumed in the light & warmth of Your Love. Please hear my prayer, and if it be Your will, grant my petition. Above all, make me loyal & faithful to You in all circumstances of my life. Amen !

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Two of our Lord's Twelve Apostles. They were two of the first bishops through whom Jesus established His Church and from whom all bishops, priests, and deacons descend.

Oct. 28

Sts. Simon and Jude


Father, You revealed Yourself to us through the preaching of Your apostles Simon and Jude. By their prayers, give Your Church continued growth and increase the number of those who believe in You. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



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