



# St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Rev. Michael Machacek, PASTOR

782 Browns Line

Etobicoke, ON M8W 3W2

---

## Baptism Guidelines and Instructions for St. Ambrose Parish

Dear parents:

Blessings to you as you begin the process of enrolling your child to receive the sacrament of baptism. Below are some guidelines and instructions:

### **Who is eligible to be baptized?**

A child can be baptized as long as at least one of the parents is a baptized Roman Catholic. You will need to provide a copy of the baptism certificate as proof.

To be baptized here at St. Ambrose, you must be registered with our parish and attend Sunday mass regularly. If you belong to another parish, you must get a letter of permission from your parish's Pastor and send it to Fr. Michael before we can begin the process.

### **When are baptisms held at St. Ambrose?**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, immediately following the 11 am mass. We ask that the parents, godparents and guests attend the mass so we can begin as soon as possible.

The actual date for your child's baptism is set after you have handed in the registration form and the supporting documents (for more information, see the section titled "Registration Form")

On the day of the baptism, we will have the baptism certificate prepared in advance, and we will supply you with the baptism candle. *Please give the suggested donation for our parish (\$150) to Fr. Michael (or a visiting priest or deacon) when you receive the baptism certificate after the celebration is completed.*

There will be a short period of time for photos to be taken in the church after the ceremony.

Tel: (416) 251-8282

Fax: (416) 251-4400

E-mail: [stambroseET@archtoronto.org](mailto:stambroseET@archtoronto.org)



# *St. Ambrose Catholic Church*

Rev. Michael Machacek, PASTOR

782 Browns Line  
Etobicoke, ON M8W 3W2

---

## **Godparents:**

To be serve as a godparent, one must be a baptized Roman Catholic; at least 16 years of age; also received the sacraments of confirmation and communion; and regularly attends Sunday mass.

You can have one or two godparents for the baptism. If there are two, one is a man and one is a woman. You cannot have two males or two females.

If you have one godparent, you can also have a Christian Witness. Such a person is a baptized member of another Christian denomination, such as Anglican, Baptist, Evangelical, etc. If you have two godparents, you are not allowed to have Christian witness as well.

## **Registration form:**

The Archdiocese of Toronto registration form for baptism can be found on [www.stambroseparish.com](http://www.stambroseparish.com) – click on forms and then click on “Baptism Registration Form”.

Please only submit the form with the supporting documents – Roman Catholic baptism certificates for the Catholic parents and godparents. Please also make sure that all the information required on the form is filled out.

Once you have submitted the forms and the supporting documents, Fr. Michael will contact you to arrange a brief meeting and set the date of baptism.

## **Instruction Preparation for parents and godparents:**

As you prepare for baptism, you are required to watch a few videos.

To do so, you first need to sign up on our parish subscription to a Catholic website called FORMED - there is no cost to you in doing so. To sign up,

Go to [www.stambroseparish.formed.org](http://www.stambroseparish.formed.org) then enter the parish postal code (M8W 3W2)

The parish name will appear – click St. Ambrose, and then create an account using your email.

**Tel: (416) 251-8282**

**Fax: (416) 251-4400**

**E-mail: [stambroseET@archtoronto.org](mailto:stambroseET@archtoronto.org)**



# *St. Ambrose Catholic Church*

Rev. Michael Machacek, PASTOR  
782 Browns Line  
Etobicoke, ON M8W 3W2

---

Once you have registered for FORMED, do a search for the video series named Reborn

Once in, please watch the first 4 sessions of the Reborn series.

Finally, please pass on to the godparents the information above about signing up for FORMED.

Please ask them to watch the session from Reborn called: *The Gift of Godparents: More than cards and presents.*

**Tel: (416) 251-8282**

**Fax: (416) 251-4400**

**E-mail: [stambroseET@archtoronto.org](mailto:stambroseET@archtoronto.org)**