



# SAINT AMBROSE PARISH COMMUNITY

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Rev. William P. Wolfe  
*Pastor*

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**Office Hours**  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Monday through Thursday

### Masses

Saturday Evening 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon  
Weekdays 7:00 am Monday – Friday

### Confessions

Saturday 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

### Marriages

Arrangements at least 6 months in advance

### Baptisms

By appointment

## PARISH MINISTRIES

*Unless otherwise indicated call (323) 656-4433*

### Parish Nurse

Sunday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Joe Martinson, R.N., Chair  
(323) 656-8390 (Office)  
(323) 650-7603

### Bereavement Ministry

### Legion of Mary

Wednesdays - 7:30 pm  
Elnora Campos  
(323) 876-5209

### Respect Life

1st Tuesday - 7:30 pm  
Elnora Campos, Chair

### Safeguard the Children

2nd Sunday - 9:00 am  
Judi Levin, Chair

### Home Ministry

Jo Iannello, Co-Chair  
(323) 656-1349

### St. Ambrose Theater Group

1st & 3rd Saturdays - 3:00 pm  
Ann Gagan, Chair  
(323) 466-1084

### Social Committee

Teri Dartez, July Mercado,  
Judi Levin, Madeline  
O'Donnell

**Parish Council** Michael Morgan, Chair  
(310) 659-3075

**Finance Council** Kirk Grissom, Chair  
(323) 810-8109

**Liturgy Committee** Sunday

**Music Ministries** William Wunsch, D.M.A.  
(323) 296-0859

**Vocations Coordinator** Michael Morgan  
(310) 659-3075

**Adult Faith Initiation** Sunday 12 Noon  
Glenn Waggner  
(323) 848-2954

**Youth Faith Initiation** Sunday 11:00 am  
Judi Levin, Moderator  
(323) 851-9393

**St. Jude Mass & Rosary** Thursdays 7:00 pm

Interested in the Catholic faith? Interested in joining our community? Need more information? Tear off and drop in the collection basket, mail to the Parish Office or email the following information to us.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***Blessed are the poor. Woe to you who are rich.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday February 14, 2010-Saturday, February 20, 2010</b>		
Sunday	8:00 AM	People of St. Ambrose
	10:00 AM	Urbano Brito--†
	12:00 Noon	Jim Geoghan
Monday	7:00 AM	John Moskoff
Tuesday	7:00 AM	John Petroff
Wednesday,	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Jim Powell--†
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	People of St. Ambrose --†
Thursday	7:00 AM	Florence & George
		Blease--††
Friday	7:00 AM	Men & Women of our
		Armed Forces
Saturday	5:30 PM	People of St. Ambrose --†

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Sunday February 14, 2010-Saturday, February 20, 2010</b>		
Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office <b>CLOSED</b>
	9:00 AM	Safeguard the Children
	9:15 AM	Choir Practice
	11:00 AM	Youth Religious Instruction
Monday	--	--
Tuesday	--	--
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 AM	Gospel Reflection and Sharing
Thursday	7:00-8:30 PM	St Jude Mass & Rosary
Friday	<b>6:00-7:30 PM</b>	Lenten Meal
	<b>7:30-8:30</b>	STATIONS OF CROSS
Saturday	5:00-5:30 PM	Confessions
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass

**TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN**

**A time to heal—Pray for those who are ill:** Barbara Chapman, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Russell Brown, Becky Davis, Gerry Day, Anna DeLucia, Amanda DeMarino, Sasha DeMarino, Mary Gonsalves, Carl Higgins, Jessica Leoni, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, Jere Morgan, Daniel Moriarity, Donald O'Connell, Mary Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, John Petroff, Mike Posey, Walter Ruczynski, Glenn Waggoner, Phyllis Waggoner, Evelyn White

**Readings for next Sunday, February 21, 2010****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT****First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10****Responsorial Psalm 91****Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13****Gospel: Luke 4: 1-11****Have you remembered your Parish in your will?**

For further information please contact the rectory or H. Richard Classon, Director, Trust & Estate Programs, LA Archdiocese, 213-637-7472, e-mail HRC10@la-archdiocese.org or estateplanning.com/trustacct. Our legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the benefit of St. Ambrose Parish.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 2009-2010**

A summary of parish ordinary income –  
 (Sunday envelopes and Sunday loose money)  
 Weekly Amount to meet Budget \$5,784  
**Amount Rcvd 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Jan. \$2,834 (\$2.950)**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Thank you for your faithful support that helps to keep our parish alive

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**This Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday. Masses are at 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed.**

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

The St. Ambrose Day of Recollection is this Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. The title is *LENT – MAKING THE MOST OUT OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!* The cost for the day is \$15 and includes refreshments and lunch. Registration slips are on the in the vestibule of the church. **If you haven't yet registered for the day, please do so today. It's a rewarding experience, and a perfect way to begin the Lenten Season.**

Please submit your registration fee with the form. Mark the envelope "Day of Recollection." You can drop it in the collection basket, or take it directly to the Parish Office. A free-will donation will be gratefully accepted so that we will be able to present a check to Fr. Stoeger in gratitude for the time he spends with us

We are looking forward to this spiritual beginning to the Season of Lent.

**TOGETHER IN MISSION 2010****"I GIVE THANKS TO YOU LORD." Psalm 138:1**

This weekend will be the follow-up for commitment to the Together In Mission Appeal. If you were unable to sign up last weekend, we hope you can do so this weekend. On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, we thank you.

**THANK YOU FROM JOHN PETROFF**

I want to express my thanks to all for your prayers during my illness. I went to spend Christmas in Florida with my sister and became ill with pneumonia and other complications. So, my visit resulted in a two-month stay. Your constant prayers and good wishes gave me hope for a return to health, and the ability to come home. God bless you and thank you.

**CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**

**We will change the environment of the church in preparation for the Lenten season on Tuesday morning, February 16, following the 7:00 AM mass. Your help will be appreciated.**

**Remember, there are no flowers in the church during Lent.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Since this is the last Sunday that the assembly can sing the Alleluia until the Easter Vigil, sing with flourishes and gusto. This last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent gives us the “woes” and “blesseds” of Saint Luke’s Sermon on the Plain.

**TODAYS READINGS (Year C)**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah’s contrast between those who place their trust in God and those who turn from him is stark and explicit in its imagery. Those who turn from the Lord and trust only in what they are able to see, experience barrenness of every sort. Those who turn to the Lord, on the other hand, experience abundance and fruitfulness even in the most dire of circumstances. Let us place our trust in the Lord and prosper by bearing great fruit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 1 mirrors the sentiments of the prophet Jeremiah, concerning the experience of those who place or do not place their trust in God. As the Church takes up this sentiment in song, we are invited to place our trust in the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Paul proclaims the intimate union shared between Christ and his body, the Church, by linking the Resurrection of believers to the Resurrection of Christ. He takes the doctrine of faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and claims that to deny the general Resurrection of the dead is, in fact, to deny Christ’s own. The Church rejoices for Christ has gathered us to himself and shares the fullness of his new life to us.

**Gospel:** In the Beatitudes found in Luke’s account, Jesus’ teaching mirrors the teaching of Jeremiah expressed in the First Reading. For Jesus, those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and hated exemplify those who place their trust in God and so will be blessed. On the other hand, the rich, satisfied, jocular, and well respected in this age will one day experience affliction. We are blessed when we stand with Christ, who emptied himself and stood with us in lowliness. (Sourcebook)

**LENT**

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years of age through 59. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, to maintain strength, may be taken, according to one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by everyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. (Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.) Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. (Sourcebook)

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, February 16.** Today is the last day before Lent begins. We bid farewell to indulgence and welcome the fast with one last celebration, variously called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Fast Eve, Ash Eve, Pancake Day, Pazki (Doughnut Day), Fat Tuesday, and farewell to Alleluia.

**Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday.**

Lent is the season of grace and conversion, of penance and reconciliation, of renewal of our baptismal promises. Lent is marked with seriousness, consciousness of the poorest of the poor, attention to prayer and liturgy, attentive listening to the word of God, and “with gladness of spiritual desire await holy Easter” (*Rule of Saint Benedict*)

Ash Wednesday is the entrance rite for Lent. Originally, Lent began on the First Sunday of Lent, and since the third century has encompassed 40 days of fasting and prayer. Sundays, however, have always been days of Resurrection and joy, with no fasting on those days. In order to ensure the strict fast of 40 days, fasting was moved back to the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday. And the custom of imposing ashes moved along with fasting. Lent, then, excludes Sundays and is counted from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday before the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the fortieth day.

**First Reading:** Today almost mysteriously the Church heeds Joe’s call to assemble, without a sense of external obligation, but with heartfelt sense of a need for God. As we acknowledge those parts of our heart not turned over to the Lord, the Lord’s concerns for us is revealed in the outpouring of grace that beckons us to be signed with the ashes of repentance.

**Responsorial:** In Psalm 51 the Church assembled in worship acknowledges the brokenness of her members and entreats the Lord for the gift of salvation in its fullness.

**Second Reading:** Paul begs the Church at Corinth to acknowledge her sin and to be reconciled to God. His call echoes through the ages as he urges us to cooperate with the grace of this season of repentance and reconciliation.

**Gospel:** The call to prayer, almsgiving, and fasting invites believers to a deeper love of God, neighbor, and self in this holy season. The Church is invited to engage each of these paths to holiness in a spirit of profound humility for the grace of their desire and of their completion is from the Lord. May the Lord who begins anew a great work in us bring it to completion.