



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH COMMUNITY

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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: _____

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*They left everything and followed Jesus.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday February 7, 2010-Saturday, February 13, 2010		
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sr. Marie James--†
	10:00 AM	People of St. Ambrose
	12:00 Noon	People of St. Ambrose--†
Monday	7:00 AM	Men & Women of our Armed Forces
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Herb Duval
Wednesday,	7:00 AM	Gary Wheelock
Thursday	7:00 AM	People of Haiti
Friday	7:00 AM	Marie Jones--†
		Celia Santos – Anniv.
Saturday	5:30 PM	Marie Jones--†

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday February 7, 2010-Saturday, February 13, 2010		
Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office OPEN
	9:15 AM	Choir Practice
	10:15-11:30 AM	Adult Initiation
	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	--	--
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 Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

Readings for next Sunday, February 14, 2010**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8****Responsorial Psalm 1****Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20****Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26****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 Received 1st Sun. of Jan. \$2,199 (\$3,585)
Thank you for your generosity.

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

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Fr. Jack Stoeger will again give us this Day of Recollection, on 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. **All registrations must be submitted no later than Sunday, February 14.**

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**

Cardinal Mahony is sending a letter, within the next two weeks, to past contributors to the *Together In Mission* campaign. If you receive this letter, please respond with a generous pledge to support the ministries, programs and services provided by the parishes and schools that receive these funds.

This campaign provides funds to 35 parishes and 61 schools that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate without them. Please see the brochure inserted in this week's Newsletter.

This weekend and next weekend, February 6-7 and 13-14, we will conduct the in-pew solicitation process so that those who do not receive the mailing will have an opportunity to make their pledges.

As each parish household prayerfully reflects on the amount of the pledge to be made to help these parishes and schools, please reflect on the following questions:

--Do I really believe that I have a duty to help others who are in need?

--Is what I give to the work of the Church enough to show how grateful I am for what God has given me?

--Do I appreciate how important every contribution to *Together In Mission* is to the people in the subsidized parishes and schools?

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you consider the above questions and give generously according to what God has given to you.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How often do our own ideas, our doubts, our negative attitudes cause us to miss the miracle of Christ in our midst? Mindful of all this, Christ commands: "Put out into deep water." If we live life as this risk, then our nets become full with the signs of God's love and care for us. Even our sins cannot impede such abundance because they move us beg all the more for fidelity that we could not have apart from Jesus. The Gospel that is being preached to us saves us from what would otherwise shame us. Our sin is purged; our wickedness is removed. Do not be afraid. (Magnificat)

TODAYS READINGS (Year C)

First Reading: Isaiah recounts the vision of his prophetic call from the Lord. It begins with an experience of God's holiness that brings Isaiah to his knees, begging for mercy in light of the majesty of God. His protest of unworthiness is met with God's gracious action that removes Isaiah's sin, freeing him to be God's spokesperson. Humbly aware that both the call and its efficacy reside in God, Isaiah accepts the call to ministry.

Responsorial Psalm: In Psalm 138 the Church joins her voice to the seraphim in proclaiming the glory of the living God. We praise the living God who called us into being and never forsakes us.

Second Reading: Paul recounts for the Christians at Corinth the central and defining element of Christian faith, the death and Resurrection of Jesus. This event is the Good News that saves and in which believers are called to stand firm. Although he once persecuted the Church, Paul has been blessed with the mission of handing on his faith. His conversion invites us to hope in the power of God's grace to transform our hearts as well.

Gospel: Luke's account of the call of Simon parallels the experience recounted by Isaiah: an experience of holiness, a protestation of unworthiness, the Lord's gracious action, and all acceptance of the call. The miraculous catch of fish leads Peter to admit his sinfulness; yet Jesus calls Peter to banish his fear and to follow him. No words of Peter are recorded; simply his action of leaving all behind and following after Jesus. We are invited by scripture to see the same pattern unfolding in our own lives and to make the same generous response. (Sourcebook)

MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday, February 8. Saint Josephine Bakhits, virgin; Saint Jerome Emiliani, priest. Josephine Bakhita was from Darfur in the Sudan. Kidnapped by Arab traders, she was sold as a slave and suffered much until she was bought by an Italian diplomat. She then learned about Christianity, was baptized, and, once freed from slavery, joined a community of sisters with whom she lived until her death in 1947.

Jerome was ordained to the priesthood in 1518, after spending time in the army. He traveled from town to town, founding orphanages and hospitals. Eventually he was joined by two other priests, and in 1532 he founded a religious order that came to be known as the Somaschi.

Friday, February 5. Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr. Memorial. Agatha was born at Catania in Sicily, and is one of the women mentioned by name in Eucharistic Prayer I. According to legend, she was persecuted for her Christian faith when she rejected the advances of a Roman prefect and died in prison. Because her breasts were cut off as part of her torture, she is patron saint of breast cancer patients.

Wednesday, February 10. Saint Scholastica, virgin. Memorial. Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. Her story is told in Book II of the *Dialogues* of Saint Gregory the Great. Once a year she would visit Benedict at his abbey to spend time in worship and holy conversation. On one visit, at the end of the day, Benedict rose to leave, and Scholastica begged him to stay. When he insisted that he had to return to his abbey, she bowed her head in prayer and a wild storm arose, making it impossible for Benedict to leave. Gregory comments that God heard Scholastica's prayer rather than her brother's because, since "God is love," it is natural that she who loved more, did more. She is the patron of female Benedictine monastics.

Thursday, February 11. Our Lady of Lourdes, Memorial. Today commemorates the Virgin Mary's appearances in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year old peasant. This created an uproar in the small town, and Bernadette was repeatedly questioned and pressured by local officials to recant. The parish priest told her to ask the lady's name. Bernadette returned, saying that she had said, "I am the Immaculate Conception," a title about which Bernadette would have known nothing. One of the lady's requests was that a chapel be built on the site. Eventually a large church was built there, which is a popular pilgrimage site.

LENT

Wednesday, February 17, 2010, is the beginning of Lent. Lenten guidelines are as follows:

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)