



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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sunday March 7, 2010-Saturday, March 13, 2010**

Sunday	8:00 AM	Charles Jacobsen, Sr.--†
	10:00 AM	Maria J. Judd Anita Wilson
	12:00 Noon	People of St. Ambrose
Monday	7:00 AM	Jo Martinson
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Margaret Townesfeldt--†
Wednesday,	7:00 AM	Alfred Gonsalves--†
Thursday	7:00 AM	Sal Iannello--†
Friday	7:00 AM	Rose Iannello
Saturday	5:30 PM	Marga Gallardo--†

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday March 7, 2010-Saturday, March 13, 2010**

Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office <u>OPEN</u>
	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	6:00-7:30 PM	Lenten Meal
	7:30-8:30 PM	STATIONS OF CROSS
Saturday	3:00-5:00 PM	St Ambrose Theater Grp
	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, Helen Lemanski, Jessica Leoni, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, Jere Morgan, Daniel Moriarity, Donald O'Connell, Mary Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, John Petroff, Mike Posey, Walter Ruczynski, Sean Sweeney, Glenn Waggoner, Phyllis Waggoner, Evelyn White, Anita Wilson

Readings for next Sunday, March 14, 2010**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT****First Reading: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12****Responsorial Psalm****Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21****Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32****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 HRCI0@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 Sun. of Feb. \$2,188 (\$3,596)
Thank you for your generosity.

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

CALENDAR

Rice Bowl: Your support helps families around the world through Catholic Relief Services development projects. Take home a "Rice Bowl" and return it with your contribution on Holy Thursday.

Each Friday of Lent: Lenten Meal at 6:00 PM, Parish Center; Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM,

Three-Day Journey to Triumph, Sunday, March 28, 1 PM (Palm Sunday): A 30-minute presentation of poetry, song, scripture and prose that brings to life the story of the Triduum, the Three Days of Easter.

Chrism Mass, Monday, March 29, at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, 7:00 PM.

TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass 5:30 PM. Adoration

until 9 PM Good Friday, April 2, Passion.

Veneration, Communion, at 3:00 PM, Stations 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, April 3, Mass at 8:00 PM

Confessions: each Saturday 4:30-5:00 PM. No

confessions will be heard during the Triduum.

TOGETHER IN MISSION**2010 goal: \$16,323****Pledges as of 2/24: \$15,085****Difference to goal: \$1,238****Payments received: \$7,850****Difference to Pledge: \$7,235**

If you have not made your pledge to Together In Mission, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible. No matter what your amount, that will bring us closer to our goal. Thank you.

HEALING MASS

Mass and Healing Services, Fr. Mike Manning, March 10, at 6:30 PM at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. Call Claudia (818-342-6626).

PRAYER FOR CARDINAL

Lord, God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy, grant to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles a shepherd who will walk in your way and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing. In your love for us, give us the joy of receiving a shepherd who will be an example of goodness to your people and who will fill our hearts and minds with the truth of the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

When Moses approached the burning bush, he seemed to be expecting to meet God. For when God called out, "Moses! Moses!" from the bush, Moses immediately answered, "Here I am." In effect, the parable of the fig tree makes a contrast with the burning bush. It is reasonable to expect to find on a tree in full foliage branches laded with ripe fruit. Yet the healthy fig tree is as barren as the burning bush is "not consumed." The dynamic of expectation plays out in both: Moses expects to find God in the burning bush, and Christ expects to find fruitfulness in a flourishing tree. Upon his approach, God commanded Moses, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Saint Paul says, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." The fruitfulness of the fig tree depends on its compliance with the extraordinary efforts offered it to make it grow. We are the fig tree. If we fail to grasp this lesson, we will not stand before the tree of the cross filled with expectation for its Fruit. (Magnificat)

TODAYS READINGS (Year C)

First Reading: At the burning bush on Mount Horeb, God reveals his name and nature to Moses. In the revelation of his name, "I am who I am," God makes known his external and life-giving presence to his people. In the revelation of his nature, as a God of compassion and liberation, God makes known his tenderness and care for us. In entrusting his name to us, God assures his people that when they call upon him, he is present in compassion and power.

Responsorial Psalm: In Psalm 103 the Church rejoices in the revelation of God's name to Moses. God, the merciful and gracious one, pardons, heals, and redeems his people.

Second Reading: In I Corinthians, Paul draws an implicit parallel between the experience of the people of Israel with Moses and the present community at Corinth to serve as a warning. The followers of Moses were baptized in the Exodus, and shared spiritual food and drink; yet despite these gifts, many did not remain faithful to the Lord. The Christian community has been baptized into Christ and share in the spiritual food and drink of Eucharist; yet, these practices are no guarantee of our perseverance in fellowship with Christ. As believers, we need to allow our lives to reflect the gifts we celebrate.

Gospel: Jesus counters this common belief that suffering is the measure of punishment deserved. Disasters do not invade our lives as divine retribution for sin, yet disasters do remind us of life's frailty and of our need to remain in right relationship with God. The Lord's patience with us, the gift of time, provides opportunities for us to bear good fruit. (Sourcebook)

**"COME BACK TO ME
WITH ALL YOUR HEART"****MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK**

Monday, March 8, Saint John of God (+1550), religious. Memorial. John of God was a Portuguese friar who became a leading religious figure. After a period in the army in Spain, he began to distribute religious books, using the new Gutenberg printing press. At one point, John had an intense religious experience that resulted in temporary insanity. He was thrown into a madhouse, and while there, he realized how badly treated the sick and poor were. Once he recovered, he spent the rest of his life caring for them. In Granada he gathered a circle of disciples around him who felt the same call and founded the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God.

Tuesday, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome (+1440), religious. Memorial. Frances was born in Rome to wealthy parents. Although she wanted to enter a monastery, her parents married her off to Lorenzo Ponsiano, commander of the papal troops in Rome. It was a happy marriage that lasted 40 years. Her husband was often away at war, and Frances spent her time praying, visiting the poor, and caring for the sick. Eventually her example inspired other wealthy women to do the same. Eventually, Frances founded a lay congregation of Benedictine Oblates now known as Oblates of Saint Frances of Rome. (Sourcebook)

THE MEANING

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 pray and liturgy, attentive listening to the Word of God, and "with gladness of spiritual desire await holy Easter" (Rule of Saint Benedict, 49).

Lent originated as days of preparation for the Easter initiation of catechumens. The Second Vatican Council restored this baptismal character and the central importance of the catechumenate to the season, along with the penitential practices on the part of those already baptized.

Even if there are no catechumens, the whole community is called to return to its baptism and to renew its Profession of Faith and commitment at the Easter Vigil. The baptismal character of Lent is one reason why it is inappropriate to empty the font of holy water during this season. During Lent, we fast from decorations and flowers and lively music, but the primary signs and symbols remain in place: altar and ambo, cross and font, water and oil, incense and candlelight, bread and wine. None of these are removed. (Excerpts from Sourcebook)