



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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*Your brother was dead and has come to life again.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sunday March 14, 2010-Saturday, March 20, 2010**

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| Sunday | 8:00 AM | People of St. Ambrose Chris Levin |
| | 10:00 AM | Juanita Zelenka--† |
| | 12:00 Noon | Olga Marie Palacios |
| Monday | 7:00 AM | Vicky Palestra |
| Tuesday | 7:00 AM | Colleen Trujillo |
| Wednesday, | 7:00 AM | Cristina Romero |
| Thursday | 7:00 AM | Chuck Bergansky |
| Friday | 7:00 AM | Jo Iannello |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM | Mary Gonsalves |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday March 14, 2010-Saturday, March 20, 2010**

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM | Nurse's Office OPEN |
| | 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 | 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 21, 2010**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT****First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21****Responsorial Psalm 126****Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14****Gospel: John 8: 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 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 Rcvd^{2nd} Sun. of March. \$2,737 (\$3,047)
Thank you for your generosity.

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

A collection for the Catholic Relief Services/Church in Latin America will be taken up at all the masses. Envelopes are in the pews. Please be as generous as you can.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, March 28, Palm Sunday:
(see below)

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

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 4 11:00-12 Noon

TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass 5:30 PM. Adoration until 9 PM
Good Friday, April 2, 3:00 PM-----Passion. Veneration, Communion

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

Easter Sunday, April 4, Masses 8:00 AM 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon

Confessions--each Saturday 4:30-5:00 PM.
No confessions will be heard during the Triduum.

TOGETHER IN MISSION SUMMARY

As of March 4, 2010

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| Parish Goal: | \$16,323 |
| Total Dollars Pledged: | \$16,070 |
| Total Dollars Received: | \$ 9,530 |

TRIDUUM, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY TO TRIUMPH

An invitation to all St. Ambrose parishioners, RCIA catechumens and sponsors, and anyone interested in acquiring a deeper understanding of the Catholic feast of Easter.

TRIDUUM, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY TO TRIUMPH captures the meaning, the liturgy, the history, and the spirit of the Triduum or the three days of Easter – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. TRIDUUM has been presented at a growing number of Los Angeles parishes and RCIA classes, including the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

TRIDUUM is written, researched, and compiled by St. Ambrose parishioner Joe Praml, and consists of scripture, hymns, ancient homilies, poetry, and prose. It will be sung and read by Joe and his wife, Lynne. TRIDUUM will take place in the church following the 12 o'clock mass on March 28, Palm Sunday, and lasts 30 minutes.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is known as *Laetare* Sunday, a day that marks the halfway point of Lent and that celebrates our joy in being that much closer to the Resurrection of Christ. The name of the day comes from the first word of today's Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem!" It reminds us of *Gaudete* Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, and, as on that day, rose vestments may be worn. Flowers are permitted and more festive music that echoes the Entrance Antiphon may be sung.

TODAYS READINGS (Year C)

First Reading: After 40 years of desert wandering, the Israelites tasted the fruits of their homeland. The manna, given as sustenance by God, ceased to fall, and the land of Canaan, God's gift, would supply their need. As we wander in the desert of Lent, the Church invites us to be strengthened by a vision of future blessing, the fullness of blessing in the kingdom. God will exchange one great gift that sustains us for another that provides everlasting life.

Responsorial Psalm: In Psalm 34 the Church proclaims her hope in the Lord who frees us from fear and rescues us from distress as he rescued the Israelites from slavery and desert wandering.

Second Reading: Paul encourages the members of the Corinthian Church to be God's ambassadors of reconciliation by proclaiming the gift of grace that they themselves received from the Lord. The Lord Jesus himself provides the model, for he empties himself by drawing near to us in compassion, so that we might become like God. In the self-emptying acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek to prepare a space within us for both the Lord and those in need to draw near to us.

Gospel: The parable of the prodigal son, we know only of the decision of the younger son, who accepts the fullness of the father's embrace. The elder "faithful" son filled with resentment at the father's lavish forgiveness of his brother, remains in the field. We are not told whether the father's message of extravagant love for both sons will move him to enter into the celebration of eternal life. In this holy season, whether we are distant or close to home, we are invited to fuller life. (Sourcebook)

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

Wednesday, March 17, Saint Patrick, (+461), bishop, Memorial. Patrick was a Roman born in Britain. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and enslaved in Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd. The isolation of his work turned him to prayer. After six years, Patrick managed to escape and returned to Britain. Eventually, he entered the priesthood and returned to Ireland as Bishop, doing much missionary work in the north and west. Two of his works survive: his *Confessions* and a letter. There are many legends about Patrick, including the one in which he banished the snakes from Ireland, but this is probably a metaphor for his triumph over the paganism of the druids.

Thursday, March 18, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (+386), bishop, Memorial. Cyril is venerated as one of the great theologians of the early Church. Like his contemporaries, he was embroiled in the Arian controversy and was exiled for teaching that the Son is fully divine. Cyril is best known for 23 lectures to catechumens, encompassing introductory teachings through postbaptismal mystagogy. From them we learn much about catechetical methods and liturgical practices in the early Church, as well as the development of teaching on the Eucharist: "Since then He Himself declared and said of the Bread, This is My Body, who shall dare to doubt any longer? And since He has Himself affirmed and said, This is My Blood, who shall ever hesitate, saying, that it is not His blood?" (Catechetical Lecture 22:1)

Friday, March 19, Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity. Saint Joseph is mentioned in the earliest genealogy of Matthew (1:1-17), and in the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Since the tenth century, Joseph has been honored on this date. He was declared the patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870.

Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. One can say that Jesus learned how to be a man from Joseph's example. The Gospel gives little information about him; save that he lived in Nazareth, went to Bethlehem, and lived in exile in Egypt. We know that he was a just man who protected Mary from disgrace after she was found to be pregnant with Jesus. Catholic tradition describes him as dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary. He is also honored on May 1, the optional memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker (Sourcebook)