



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: _____

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Christ humbled himself. Because of this
God greatly exalted him.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Sunday March 28, 2010-Saturday, April 3, 2010**

Sunday	8:00 AM	Stella Castaneda--† (30th Anniv.) Jim Lamont--†
	10:00 AM	Men & Women of Armed Forces
	12:00 Noon	People of St. Ambrose
Monday	7:00 AM	Helen Lemanski
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Peter Cunje--†
Wednesday,	7:00 AM	Wilson Couri--†
Thursday	5:30 PM	Robin Danielski
Friday		-- --
Saturday	8:00 PM	Jennie Iannello--†

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday March 28, 2010-Saturday, April 3, 2010**

Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office <u>OPEN</u>
	9:15: AM	Choir Practice
	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday	--	--
Tuesday	--	--
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 AM	Gospel Reflection and Sharing
Thursday	5:30 PM	HOLY THUR. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. ADORATION 'TIL 9:00 PM
Friday	3:00 PM	GOOD FRI. PASSION VENERATION, COMMUNION

Good Friday Collection is for the Holy Land

Saturday	8:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL
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**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, Phyllis Iannello, Helen Lemanski, Jessica Leoni, Marie Lopez, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, Jere Morgan, Daniel Moriarity, Donald O'Connell, Vicky Palestra, Mary Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, John Petroff, Mike Posey, Walter Ruczynski, Sean Sweeney, Glenn Waggoner, Phyllis Waggoner, Evelyn White, Anita Wilson

Readings for next Sunday, April 4, 2010**SOLEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY:****RESURRECTION OF THE LORD****First Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43****Responsorial Psalm 118****Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4****Gospel: John 20: 1-9****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 4th Sun. of March. \$1,968, (\$3,816)

Thank you for your generosity. Your faithful support helps to keep our parish alive.

Our weekend mass collections have been decreasing. The amount indicated above is the total of four masses. To enable us to meet the basic needs and requirements of our parish each month, we would like to see an increase. We hope you can see your way clear to increase the amount you currently give each week. This will not only add to the weekly collection but help the church to meet its responsibilities. We continue to thank you for your support. God Bless for your generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Three-Day Journey to Triumph, March 28, Palm Sunday):
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—
“Judi’s Kids” and all kids are invited to join in the annual
Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning in the parking
lot near the school.**

TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass 5:30 PM. Adoration ‘til 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, 12
Noon****Confessions--each Saturday 4:30-5:00 PM.****No confessions will be heard during the Triduum.****TRIDUUM, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY TO TRIUMPH**

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.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to change the environment of the church in preparation of Easter and the three day preceding--the TRIDUUM. If you can help, please be at the Church each morning, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at 9:30 AM. Much preparation is required on these days.

TOGETHER IN MISSION UPDATE

Pledge:	\$17,605
Money Paid to Date:	\$10,023
Balance:	\$ 7,582

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

On Palm Sunday, (Passion Sunday) the Church enters the mystery of her crucified, buried, and risen Lord who, by his entrance into Jerusalem, gave a glimpse of his own majesty. Christians carry palm branches as a sign of the royal triumph that Christ won by his acceptance of the cross. Since Saint Paul says that "if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:17), the like between these two aspects of the Paschal Mystery should stand out clearly in the liturgical celebration and catechesis of Palm Sunday.

What a day of contrasts! Sunday awkwardly carries both titles because one alone would not suffice. The story of Christ's triumphal entry is recorded in all four accounts of the Gospel. This initial reading from the Gospel makes a striking counterpoint to the Passion that follows. The triumphant welcome of Jesus at the beginning of the week sharply clashes with his painful arrest and condemnation at the end.

TODAYS READINGS (Year C)

Gospel with Palms: As the crowds welcome Jesus to Jerusalem with acclamations of his kingship, the Pharisees implore him to silence the crowd. Jesus, however, in an acknowledgment that God's Spirit has been unleashed, asserts that the very stones, the stones of David's royal city, Jerusalem, would break into song if the crowd ceased. Our song of praise must resound throughout the world in our allegiance to Christ, our King.

First Reading: Isaiah announces the obedience of a suffering servant, whose tongue faithfully proclaims God's word. Faithful proclamation itself opened the suffering servant to the calumny and abuse of the crowds; yet he endured mistreatment and continued to proclaim God's word. His fidelity is our salvation.

Responsorial Psalm: In chanting Psalm 22, the psalm Jesus prayed as he hung upon the cross, the Church intimately links the suffering of God's people through the ages to the suffering of Jesus. As his suffering became the source of salvation for all, our suffering becomes redemptive when it is joined to the cross.

Second Reading: The Philippians' hymn, eloquent and poetic, speaks of a two-phase movement of Jesus' self-emptying love: the Incarnation and Crucifixion. The Incarnation is portrayed as the self-emptying of divinity through the embrace of our humanity. The Crucifixion is portrayed as the self-emptying of humanity through the embrace of a violent and cruel death. This twofold act of self-emptying love is both God's complete and total embrace of our existence and a summons to imitate the Lord in our relations with one another.

Gospel/Passion: Jesus' words concerning the new covenant memorial were followed without interlude with a prediction of the disciples' betrayal.

Jesus' stark claim is ironically twisted into a conversation about the greatness among them. In the Lord's Passion and death, the very issue of greatness is played out. As the disciples, political leaders, religious groups, and crowds display the weakness of betrayal, refusal to take responsibility for their actions, scapegoat and condemnation of the innocent, Jesus' greatness is displayed in steadfast fidelity, the forgiveness of sin, and the promise of life in the kingdom. (Sourcebook)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 1. This evening Lent ends and the Church enters the Paschal Triduum, gathering to pray, building toward the prolonged vigiling of Saturday night. This evening's celebration, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, is the threshold liturgy of the Triduum. It commemorates the institution of Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' command of love and service.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 2. On this day, the parish community gathers to prayerfully recall the death of Jesus "in the sure hope of the resurrection" (Prayer over the People, Good Friday). Because his Resurrection is inseparable from his death, the Lord's Passion is truly celebrated. We remember last night's words from Saint Paul, "We should *glory* in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection, through him we are saved and made free."

The Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), April 3. Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with the Easter fire, five wax nails of incense are imbedded, and it becomes the symbol of the crucified Christ. The Paschal Mystery, already celebrated in various ways since the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is clearly and joyfully announced from the very beginning of the Vigil liturgy. It is in the light of the Paschal candle that the liturgy continues to unfold. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful of all liturgies. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the parish community.

The four parts of the Easter Vigil move us through a gradual unfolding of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The great fire immediately dispels the gathering gloom. The Liturgy of the Word reveals the path of God's plan throughout salvation history. The Liturgy of Baptism draws the elect through the baptismal waters into the promise of eternal life and renews the baptismal belief of the faithful. The Liturgy of the Eucharist brings the celebration to the climax of the banquet of the Lamb, as we experience the presence of the risen Christ in our midst. (Sourcebook)