



SAINT AMBROSE PARISH COMMUNITY

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Rev. William P. Wolfe
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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) 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
(213) 908-6007
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- Liturgy Committee** Sunday
- Music Ministries** William Wunsch, D.M.A.
(323) 296-0859
- Vocations Coordinator** Michael Morgan
(213) 908-6007
- Adult Faith Initiation** Sunday 12 Noon
Glenn Waggner
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- 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: _____

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY*My God, My God, why have you abandoned me.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sunday April 17, 2011-Saturday, April 23, 2011**

Sunday	8:00 AM	People of St. Ambrose
	10:00 AM	Antonia de Guzman †
		Gloria dela Cruz †
	12:00 Noon	Bob Alexander
Monday	7:00 AM	Dr. Norma Salceda
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Antonia de Guzman †
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Colleen Trujillo
Thursday	5:30 PM	Jennie Iannello †
Friday	--	--
Saturday	8:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Heebner ††
		Elane Dobler †

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, April 17, 2011-Saturday, April 23, 2011**

Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office (OPEN)
	9:15: AM	Choir Practice
	10:15 AM	Adult Initiation
	11:00 AM	Youth Religious Instruc.
Monday	--	--
Tuesday	--	--
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 AM	Gospel Reflection and Sharing
Thursday	5:30 PM	HOLY THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ADORATION 'TIL 9:00 pm
Friday	3:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY PASSION, VENERATION, COMMUNION
GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IS FOR THE HOLY LAND		
Saturday	8:00 PM	HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL

A TIME TO HEAL--PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Aurelia Arroyo, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Barbara Chapman, Thomas Chapman, Jim Christopher, Yvonne Cunje, John Cusick, Gerry Day, Anna DeLucia, Amanda DeMarino, Sasha DeMarino, ZsaZsa Gabor, Mary Gonsalves, Brendan Gregg, Carl Higgins, Louis Iannello, Phyllis Iannello, Monique Laville, Helen Lemanski, Jessica Leoni, Lila Letteau, Leanna Levy, Marie Lopez, Ella Mae Lorack, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, June Meyer, Jere Morgan, Sr., Donald O'Connell, Mary Petroff, Don Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, John Petroff, Mike Posey, Walter Ruczynski, Donna Saur, Sean Sweeney, Cheryl Uitti, Richard Vargas, Glenn Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

Readings for next Sunday April 24, 2011**SOLEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY****RESURRECTION OF THE LORD****First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 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 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 2010-2011

A summary of parish ordinary income –
(Sunday envelopes and Sunday loose money)
Weekly Amount to meet Budget \$5,784
Amount received Sunday April 10, \$2,521 (\$3,263)

Thank you for your generosity

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

REMINDER

There is no 7:00 AM Mass on Thursday and Friday of this week. See Calendar of Events and This Week's Activities for times of liturgies and services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17 Palm Sunday, 5:30pm (Saturday), 8am and 12 noon
Masses Sunday Start In Patio.
10am Mass (Sunday) starts in parking lot.
Procession into church with palms
1:00 PM TRIDUUM presentation, Joe Praml
April 21, Holy Thursday, -Liturgy 5:30 PM,
Adoration until 9:00 PM
April 22, Good Friday, Lord's Passion, Veneration, 3:00 PM
April 23, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Mass 8:00 PM
Mass begins in patio with blessing of the Easter candle
April 24, Easter Sunday, Masses 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon
May 8, May Procession – Crowning of Mary – 10 AM Mass

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum (the "Three Days") is the heart of our liturgical year and celebrates the heart of our faith: the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ--His life, Passion, death, and Resurrection. **One long feast, it goes from sundown Thursday, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, through Good Friday, reaching its high point in the Easter Vigil (Saturday), and closing on Easter Sunday.**

TRIDUUM, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY TO TRIUMPH

An invitation to all St. Ambrose parishioners 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 is written, researched, and compiled by St. Ambrose parishioner Joe Praml. It will be presented in the church following the 12 Noon mass on Palm Sunday (April 17).

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to change the environment of the church in preparation of Easter and the Three Days 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.

Lily plants are needed for Easter. If you can donate lily plants, please bring them to the Church on Saturday morning, April 23

Remember to bring your Rice Bowl donation on Holy Thursday evening.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

When Jesus enters Jerusalem, the people greet him with royal acclamations, waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." For a moment, they are able to recognize in the humble figure, riding on a donkey, their promised King, the Lord in their midst. But within a few days, those same crowds will call for his death, and even those closest to Jesus will scatter. Today's liturgy brings both the welcome and the rejection before our eyes in a ringing challenge. Palm Sunday is not an historic reenactment, we are meant to take this to heart.

Today's liturgy is unique in many respects—not least in the fact that there are two proclamations of the Gospel today.

Gospel of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem:

Throughout Matthew's account, Jesus is seen as the fulfiller of the Old Testament. This brief passage is rich in quotations from the psalms and the prophets. Isaiah, Zechariah, and Psalm 118 are all referenced here. Jesus himself is fully aware of all that is to happen. His omniscience is especially clear as he tells his disciples where to find the ass and colt on which he is to ride, and even gives them the words they are to speak if they are asked any questions. Jesus enters in triumph, but not like a conquering king, with a display of military might. He comes, as Zechariah had foretold, "meek and riding on an ass." Matthew tells us that "the whole city was shaken" at the coming of Jesus. This city will shake again when Jesus dies on the cross.

First Reading: The third of the four "servant of the Lord" oracles of the prophet Isaiah is proclaimed; we will hear these oracles on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, culminating in the reading of the fourth oracle in the liturgy of Good Friday. The faithful servant has been given a gift—a "well-trained tongue," which has the power to "rouse" the weary. He has endured pain and humiliation, but in spite of everything he remains faithful to God. In a most memorable image, the servant says, "I have set my face like flint." These words are not a prayer for indifference to those who torture and abuse him; rather, it is a prayer for patient endurance. Jesus will respond to his accusers not with bitterness or anger, but with simple words, and with silence.

Responsorial Psalm 22 is the prayer that burst from Jesus' lips as he hung on the cross. It is a psalm that begins in total abandonment, but leads to hope in God, and even to praise.

The Second Reading gives us a sublime hymn of the mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some scripture scholars suggest that this may be an early Christian hymn, which Paul is quoting. Jesus, equal with God, emptied himself, and came among us. He became obedient to death, and "because of this" God raised him up. "He emptied himself:" what better image is there for what happens to Jesus in the Passion narrative, as he gives up freedom, friends, and finally life itself? The words of this canticle echo through Holy Week: passages appear as the Verse for the Acclamation before the Gospel today, and again on Good Friday, and as the responsory at the Liturgy of the Hours throughout the Triduum.

Reading of the Passion: Matthew gives us a crowded canvas, full of characters and incidents. No one seems to behave as one would expect. The Twelve are scattered; Judas betrays Jesus, while Peter denies him.

Pilate protests his innocence but hands Jesus over to death; and Pilate's wife pleads for Jesus' life. The Roman centurion who is keeping guard at the cross is the first to acknowledge what has happened—that the man who has been crucified was truly the Son of God. There are surprises everywhere in this crowded canvas.

God the Father is a constant, guiding presence throughout the narrative. His presence is felt in the constant allusions to scripture, the sense that everything that happens is preordained, the fulfillment of what was foretold. Jesus tells us as much at his arrest: "Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled?" We sense his presence, too, in the prophetic dream of Pilate's wife, who recognizes Jesus' innocence. But the presence of the Father is felt by all in the signs that surround Jesus' agony and death on the cross: the darkness, the veil of the temple torn, the violent earthquake, the opening of graves and the dead raised.

THE TRIDUUM**Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

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 is the threshold liturgy. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper has many distinctive elements. The Gloria returns. There is the optional ritual gesture of the washing of feet. There is the transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the place of repose, with which the liturgy concludes. One theme unites all these disparate elements: love. The liturgy of Holy Thursday does not simply tell us about Christ's love—through word, ritual action, and sacrament, we experience it.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends without any formal dismissal; the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday begins without any formal introduction, not even the Sign of the Cross. This is one great liturgy, and our prayer flows without interruption, as it were, from one celebration into the next. In its broad outline, Good Friday has changed very little over the centuries. With the reform of Holy Week in 1955, the celebration of the Lord's Passion took shape as we know it today. Communion of the faithful was restored, and the rites surrounding it were simplified. The same reforms restored the time of the celebration to the afternoon. The rubrics recommend that the service begins at 3:00 PM, but it can take place later.

The Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). 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. (Sourcebook)