



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 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

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

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: _____

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 26, 2010-Saturday, January 1, 2011

Sunday	8:00 AM	Marion Jovita (Healing)
	10:00 AM	Marie-Therese Jones †
	12:00 Noon	Yvonne Cunje
		Phyllis & Glenn Waggnar (49 th Anniversary)
Monday	7:00 AM	Yvonne Cunje
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Nina Kurtz †
		Wayne Kurtz
Wednesday	7:00 AM	The Simms Family
Thursday	7:00 AM	People of St. Ambrose
Friday	7:00 AM	Men & Women of our Armed Forces
Saturday	10:00 AM	World Peace

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 26, 2010-Saturday, January 1, 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	7:00 PM	St Jude Mass & Rosary
Friday	--	--
Saturday	--	--

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

Aurelia Arroyo, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Barbara Chapman, Robert Chapman, Jim Christopher, 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, Glenn Waggnar, Phyllis Waggnar, Evelyn White

Readings for next Sunday, January 2, 2011

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew: 2: 1-12

**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY,
AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR A YEAR WHICH WILL
BRING PEACE TO OUR WORLD**

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 Dec. 12, \$2,361 (\$3,423)
(Total for Sunday December 19 reported next issue.)

Thank you for your generosity

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

New Year's Day, January 1, 2011, Mass for World Peace

10:00 AM **ONLY**

Sunday January 2, 2011

Masses 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

PEW RESTORATION

The **yellow envelopes** in the pews are for donations to the
pew restoration. You may use these special envelopes or
simply place your donation in an envelope marked **PEWS**,
in the collection basket. For weekly donations, please
use the other envelopes.

Thank you for your commitment to your parish.

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

Widowed/divorced/separated people are invited to move
beyond their grief through the guided healing and growth
process of a Beginning Experience weekend (**Friday evening
February 4 through Sunday afternoon February 7, 2011**),
at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino.
Cost is \$250, \$225 if paid in advance. For registration and
other information call Maria 310-365-0186 or email
mctrue633@gmail.com. Website:
www.beginning.experience.org.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas Dinner on December 5 was another success,
thanks to the hard work put in by Teri Dartez and the Social
Committee. The food was delicious, the Choir's concert was
lovely, and the diners joining in was fun. In spite of the rain,
we had a good turnout. Thank you all for participating--those
who put it together, and those who came.

HOLY INNOCENTS DAY SERVICE

Parishioners are invited to a Mass and Rosary-centered
service at the Shrine to the Unborn on Tuesday, December
28, 2010 in Holy Cross Cemetery. Service will begin with
Mass at 2:00 PM at the Main Mausoleum with celebrant
Bishop Joseph Sartoris, followed by a procession to the
Shrine. The procession will be led by the Knights of
Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps. Holy Cross Cemetery,
5835 West Slauson Ave. For further details call Tom Ullman,
310-670-0705.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

At various times in a Catholic's life it is beneficial that you be
able to show that you are a "practicing Catholic." This is
possible by confirming your parish registry. Here are some of
the situations to which this may apply:

Marriage in the Church; Baptism of a Child';

School Registration of a Child; or to Becoming a Godparent
or Sponsor.

Register at the Rectory: Inquire about using your talents for
the good of the parish. Use your Sunday envelopes so that
your generosity can be recorded.

Thank you and God Bless.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

On the Sunday within the octave of Christmas, we celebrate a feast in honor of the Holy Family. In some ways, it is what liturgist Adolf Adam calls a “devotion- feast or an idea-feast”—that is, it celebrates a mystery, rather than a historical moment in the life of Christ (*The Liturgical Year*, p. 143). The mystery here is the obedience of Christ, who lived as part of a human family. In so doing he sanctified it and gave us a model for how to live together in family life.

TODAYS READINGS (Year A)

The First Reading is drawn from the book of Sirach, one of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament. The book takes the form of tidbits of advice, and this reading gives us a group of teachings that urge obedience and respect for parents. The authority—and the responsibility—of parents is God-given. And therefore to obey parents is to acknowledge God, who will richly reward such obedience with all good gifts. The reading ends, touchingly, with a reminder to children to care for and respect their parents even when they are no longer able to care for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm 128 echoes the First Reading. God rewards those who obey him; and what is the reward? Life in family, a table surrounded by husband, wife, and children. The greatest blessing God can bestow is a life lived with and for others.

The Second Reading from Saint Paul’s letter to the Colossians is written, like most of Paul’s letters, to a community struggling to live the Christian life. Paul urges them to live in mutual responsibility, “bearing with one another and forgiving one another”—each looking out for the other and letting Christ’s peace live in their midst. The short form of the reading omits the passage that speaks more specifically of the relationship between husbands, wives, and children

Gospel in this Year A recounts the story of the flight into Egypt. We have seen, in the Christmas accounts, a repeated emphasis on the poverty of Jesus. Here we see the Holy Family forced to flee into Egypt, pursued by the murderous intentions of Herod. Joseph, obedient to the angel’s command, leads his young family to safety—and exile. The Holy Family endured what so many families endure today, especially those who live in places torn by violence, prejudice, or famine. Like them, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph left their homestead, trusting only in God and in each other.

FEAST/MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday, December 27 Feast of Saint John, apostle, evangelist. Saint John (first century), apostle and fourth evangelist, is called the “beloved disciple” because of his close relationship with Jesus. Throughout his account of the Gospel, Saint John, named as son of Zebedee and

brother of Saint James the Greater, makes an appearance at significant moments in Jesus’ life; i.e. the Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, foot of the cross, and the upper room. These appearances point to the intimate relationship he had with our Lord. His account of the Gospel is quite different from the synoptic accounts (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) due to his high Christology (divine emphasis), which is proclaimed through symbolic language and poetic form.

Tuesday, December 28. Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs. Herod the Great, fearing for his throne after the Magi told him about the birth of Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among those killed. According to Matthew, this fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15): “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children.” The haunting “Coventry Carol” refers to this episode as it asks, “O sisters too, how may we do,/ For to preserve this day/ This poor youngling for whom we sing/ By, by, lully, lullay.”

Wednesday, December 29. Optional Memorial Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr. Saint Thomas Becket (1118-1170) shed his blood to declare that God’s power far surpasses the authority of a monarch. Saint Thomas was appointed chancellor, and eventually Archbishop of Canterbury by his close friend, King Henry II. He was hesitant to accept these appointments, for he was concerned about the king’s motives in lifting him up the ranks, but Saint Thomas said “yes” in spite of his fears. It became quite evident that the king wanted to claim jurisdiction over Church matters, especially issues regarding the clergy. Saint Thomas stood on the side of Church independence and the absolute supremacy of God; therefore, he fled to a Cistercian monastery for a period of time. After many attempts at reconciliation, Saint Thomas was murdered in the cathedral of Canterbury while preparing for Evening prayer.

Friday, December 31. Optional Memorial of Saint Sylvester I, pope. Very little is known about Saint Sylvester I. He was pope from 314 to 335 during the era of Constantine, when the Church was able to come out of hiding after years of persecution. During his pontificate some of the great churches in Rome were built, such as the Lateran Basilica and the original Saint Peter’s Basilica on the Vatican Hill (the present Saint Peter’s Basilica was constructed between 1506 and 1626). The First Council of Nicea in 325, at which the Nicene Creed was adopted, occurred during his papacy. Sylvester did not himself attend, but he sent two legates.

**Saturday, January 1, 2011.
Solemnity of the Octave of Christmas.
The Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God.
World Day of Prayer for Peace.**

(Sourcebook).