



# 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 Council** Michael Morgan, Chair  
(213) 908-6007

**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  
(213) 908-6007

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us*

**WEEK MASSES FOR THE**

**Sunday December 25, 2011-Saturday, December 31, 2011**

Sunday	8:00 AM	People of Saint Ambrose
	10:00 AM	John Agu† Irene Barney
	12:00 Noon	Yvonne Cunje
Monday	7:00 AM	Barbara Chapman †
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Gonzalo Flores Andrade
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Barbara Chapman †
Thursday	7:00 AM	Sal Iannello †
Friday	7:00 AM	George Gibbons †
Saturday	5:30 PM	Colleen Trujillo

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday December 25, 2011-Saturday, December 31, 2011**

Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Nurse's Office (CLOSED)
	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	6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	St. Jude Mass & Rosary
Friday	--	--
Saturday	4:30 -5:00 PM	Confessions
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Bob Alexander, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Thomas Chapman, Yvonne Cunje, John Cusick, Bob Dartez, Gerry Day, Makai DeLeon, Anna DeLucia, Amanda DeMarino, Sasha DeMarino, Jack Doherty, ZsaZsa Gabor, Mary Gonsalves, Brendan Gregg, Valerie Guedel, Carl Higgins, Virginia Hurst, Louis Iannello, Phyllis Iannello, Nicole Kuhl, Monique Laville, Helen Lemanski, Jessica Leoni, Lila Letteau, Leanna Levy, Marie Lopez, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, July Mercado, June Meyer, Frank Nicosia, Jean Mulligan, Donald O'Connell, Mary Petroff, Don Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, Mike Posey, Barbara Ramos, Lois Roman, Donna Saur, Sean Sweeney, Cheryl Uitti, Myrna Uyengco-Harooch, Richard Vargas, Glenn Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

**Readings for next Sunday January 1, 2012 (Year B)**

**Octave of Christmas**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY,**

**MOTHER OF GOD**

**First Reading: Numbers 6: 2-27**

**Responsorial Psalm 67**

**Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21**

**THE PRIESTS AND STAFF  
OF SAINT AMBROSE  
CHURCH  
WISH YOU ALL A  
HOLY AND JOYOUS  
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 2011-2012**

A SUMMARY OF PARISH OFFERTORY INCOME  
(Envelopes and loose money combined)

Total	12/18/11	Budget	Plus(Minus)
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Not available</b>	<b>due to early submission of</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day – Masses at  
10:00 AM and 12 Noon only**

**Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve – Mass at 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, January 1, 2012 – New Year's Day – Masses  
at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon**

**HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTRANCE EXAM**

Chaminade College Preparatory High School Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: January 21<sup>s</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 12:00PM. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 13<sup>th</sup>. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300, or apply online at [www.chaminade.org](http://www.chaminade.org). Chaminade College Preparatory High School is a Catholic School in the Marionist Tradition.

**THANK YOU**

We wish to thank all who helped in changing the environment of the church for Christmas. The church is abounding in red poinsettia plants that enhanced the beauty of St. Ambrose Church. We also want to thank all who donated these beautiful poinsettias. The Nativity scene is always an inspiring sight and the surrounding plants made it even more so. Thank you for giving of your time for your church.

**The Savior is Born!  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Alleluia!**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)****(Mass during the Day)**

“God’s sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been given to us....God’s sign of simplicity....God’s sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He comes as a baby—defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of welcome, and love him....Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul, and our mind to be touched by this fact!” (Pope Benedict XVI)

(Magnificat)

**First Reading:** The reading begins and ends on a note of salvation—that which is accomplished by the Lord—not just for Jerusalem but for all nations. First, we have the announcement of salvation and the proclamation of the Lord’s kingship. Then, there is the eyewitness of what God is doing and the jubilant response of praise.

**Responsorial Psalm 98:** Our antiphon acclaim the salvation of our God, now seen by all nations. These themes are further elaborated in the stanzas of the Psalm. Note also the reference to God’s covenant fidelity in accomplishing salvation and the joyful, musical response of praise.

**Second Reading:** This beginning of the letter to the Hebrews takes us full circle: from God’s promises to the prophets of old, its fulfillment in the coming of Jesus his Son into the world, the heavenly exaltation of Jesus when he had accomplished his mission on earth. Note also that the affirmations about the Son: his active part in creation and in sustaining the world; the glory he shares with the Father.

**Gospel:** We hear the beginning of the fourth evangelist’s account of the Gospel. Note the presence of themes we just heard in Hebrews: the Son’s pre-existence, the active part in creation, the glory he shares with God. References to the ministry of John the Baptist are interspersed in today’s text, as is the theme of the light and enlightenment that Jesus brings. The reading ends on the note of the grace and glory we have received from him and our call to *become* more and more his children through the gift of grace.

**FEAST/MEMORIAL MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 26. . Feast of Saint Stephen (first century), the First Martyr.** Saint Stephen is the protomartyr, the first martyr. When the apostles chose deacons to help in their ministry, he was among the first seven. Stephen was arrested and tried by the Sanhedrin for blasphemy. His fate was sealed when he had a vision during his trial and cried out, “Behold, I see the heavens opened and the son of Man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:36) He was taken out to be stoned to death by the mob, which included Saul of Tarsus. Stephen is shown in art with three stones and a martyr’s palm, sometimes wearing a dalmatic, a deacon’s vest.

**Tuesday, December 27. Feast of Saint John (first century), Apostle and Evangelist.** Saint John, 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 the 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. The eagle is the chosen symbol for John’s account ultimately representing the depth and height to which the human spirit must soar in order to grasp the meaning of John’s text. Among his many important contributions to the Church, other scriptural writings are attributed to his name, including three epistles and the book of Revelation.

**Wednesday, 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 (see Matthew 2:16-18). According to Matthew, this fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15): “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children.” The haunting “Coventry Carol” refers to this episode as it asks, “O sisters too, how many we do, / for to preserve this day/ this poor youngling for whom we sing/ by, by, lully, lullay.

**Friday, December 30. Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph.** The Holy Family is a “devotion-feast or an idea-feast” (*The Liturgical Year 143*). Like the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity or the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, it does not commemorate a specific event, but rather fosters devotion to the Holy Family as a model for all family life. It is quite recent having been added to the calendar by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. Although it has moved here and there over the last century, it has always been celebrated in relation to Christmas, and (except in years where Christmas falls on a Sunday, when this feast is transferred to a Monday) it is observed on the Sunday in the octave of Christmas. It gives us a chance to celebrate another aspect of the Incarnation of Christ: his sharing in the life of a human family.