



# 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) 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
- 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

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 IN ORDINARY TIME***Blessed are the poor in spirit.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, January 30, 2011-Saturday, February 5, 2011**

Sunday	8:00 AM	<b>Charles Jacobsen †</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Lucille Myer † (Birthday)</b>
	12:00 Noon	<b>Moises Trujillo †</b>
Monday	7:00 AM	<b>The Tilley Family</b>
Tuesday	7:00 AM	<b>Patricia Duque Byrne †</b>
		<b>Gertrude Levin †</b>
Wednesday	7:00 AM	<b>Richard Grant Family</b>
Thursday	7:00 AM	<b>Aurelia S. Leonardo</b>
Friday	7:00 AM	<b>Maria T. Jones † (Birthdy)</b>
		<b>Richard Flores †</b>
Saturday	5:30 PM	<b>Men &amp; Women of our Armed Forces † Rafaela Trujillo</b>

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Sunday, January 30, 2011-Saturday, February 5, 2011**

Sunday	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	<b>Nurse's Office (OPEN)</b>
	9:15: AM	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Adult Initiation</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Youth Religious Instruc.</b>
Monday	--	--
Tuesday	--	--
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 AM	<b>Gospel Reflection and Sharing</b>
Thursday	7:00 PM	<b>St Jude Mass &amp; Rosary</b>
	7:30-9:00 PM	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Friday	7:00-8:00 PM	<b>HOLY HOUR-</b>
Saturday	3:30-5:00 PM	<b>St. Ambrose Theater Grp.</b>
	5:30 PM	<b>Vigil Mass-</b>

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

Aurelia Arroyo, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Barbara 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, Glenn Waggoner, Phyllis Waggoner, Evelyn White

**Readings for next Sunday, February 6, 2011****Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10****Responsorial Psalm 112****Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5****Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16****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 2010-2011**

A summary of parish ordinary income –  
(Sunday envelopes and Sunday loose money)  
Weekly Amount to meet Budget \$5,784  
**Amount received Sunday January 23, \$2,453 ....(\$3,331)**

**Thank you for your generosity**

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

**COMING EVENTS**

**Feb. 3, Thursday --Blessing of Throats (St. Blaise)**  
**March 9, Ash Wednesday, Mass 7:00 AM & 12 Noon**  
**March 11-April 15, Fridays of Lent**  
**6:30-7:30 PM Lenten Meal**  
**7:30-8:30 PM Stations of the Cross**  
**March 12 Saturday, 2:00 AM Daylight Saving Time,**  
**1 Hour Forward**  
**April 17 Palm Sunday,**  
**April 21, Holy Thursday, -Liturgy 5:30 PM,**  
**Adoration until 9:00 PM**  
**April 22, Good Friday, Lord's Passion, 3:00 PM**  
**April 23, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Mass 8:00 PM**

**PEW RESTORATION**

The pew restoration project is in progress. Pews are being restored from the back so that seating will be required closer to the front of the church.

The *yellow envelopes* in the pews are donation envelopes for the pew restoration. *Any donation received in a "Pews" envelope will be attributed to Pews.* If you are writing a check please indicate the word 'PEWS.'

For weekly donations, please use the other envelopes. Again, we thank you for your commitment to your parish.

**ADULT INITIATION**

Are you 21 years of age or older, a faithful participant in the Sunday Liturgy and the sacraments, unconfirmed but interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? If this description fits you, you are invited to register for Confirmation at the parish office.

**SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Sunday is a day of celebration; to gather together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to praise God. Christ is present among us and in each of us. We are the Body of Christ. Let us give Glory to God by fully participating at mass from the opening hymn to the final blessing and closing hymn. Let our presence be seen and let our voices be heard.

"Sing joyfully to the Lord."

**God's Post-it Notes:**

Don't let your worries get the best of you;  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The liturgy for today asks the question of what it means to be lowly. And the answer might surprise us. The readings make it clear that being humble is not about low self-esteem. Rather, it is about knowing who we really are—and what our responsibilities are toward God and other people. Being humble isn't a state of mind; it is a way of life. The prayers for today reinforce that.

**TODAYS READINGS (Year A)**

**First Reading:** The prophet Zephaniah calls on all the "humble of the earth" to seek the Lord (Zephaniah 2:3). This reading draws on two passages of hope in the midst of Zephaniah's prophesy, which is filled with gloom and warnings of destruction. (Much of the imagery of the famous sequence *Dies Irae* is drawn from this prophet). But for a "remnant" (Zephaniah 3:12), there will be safety in "justice" and "humility" (Zephaniah 2:3). Who are the humble? Those who trust in God rather than in themselves; those who follow God's law in their lives, speaking the truth and doing nothing wrong. Humility is active, not passive.

**Responsorial Psalm 146** is about God's favorites—for God does have favorites. He favors the oppressed, the hungry, the imprisoned, the blind, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. The antiphon, which is drawn from today's Gospel, summarizes the psalm nicely—it is the "poor in spirit" who possess the kingdom of God.

**Second Reading:** We continue to read 1 Corinthians. This passage fits in beautifully with today's other readings. Last Sunday, we heard about the rivalries that threatened to divide the young community. Now, Saint Paul reminds them where they came from. Not many in this Christian assembly were people of status in society—rich, powerful, well born. And yet they were chosen by God for new life in Christ. Paul tells them that it was not in spite of their lowliness, but *because* of it, that God chose them. They are a living reminder that all people, the "nothings" as well as the "somethings," are small in comparison with God.

**Gospel:** We hear the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus reminds the disciples about who God loves; "the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:30), the mourners, the meek. Notice that the Beatitudes all begin "Blessed are"—not "blessed will be." "The rewards assured to disciples are already experienced to a degree in the present time," writes Barbara Reid (New Collegeville Bible Commentary, p. 33), "but await fulfillment at the end of time." As we explore the Beatitudes, we see, as in the reading from Zephaniah, that to be lowly and humble is not to be passive. Those who are blessed by God do suffer in patience, but they also act, making peace, showing mercy, hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

**FEAST/MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday, January 31, Memorial, Saint John Bosco, (1815-1888), priest.** God gifted Saint John Bosco with the ability to read and interpret the signs of the times. Living during rapid industrialization and growing anti-clericalism,

he became very concerned about the emotional and spiritual livelihood of people, especially the plight of the young. Saint John worked to provide positive and affirming environments, including orphanages and oratories, where the young could learn and recognize their infinite potential. In the spirit of his favorite here, Saint Francis de Sales, he founded the Salesians, a religious congregation devoted to works of charity with, and emphasis on empowering young people to become strong pillars of faith in a culture of instability. His work among young men living in the slums proved to be a worthy endeavor. Whether he was presiding at Mass or playing games with children or carrying the sick to hospitals, it was obvious he lived until his "last breath"...day and night, morning and evening for the neglected and abandoned" (*Butler's Lives of the Saints: January, New Full Ed.*).

**Wednesday, February 2 Feast, Presentation of the Lord.** This feast, which occurs exactly 40 days after Christmas, marks the end of the feasts of the Old Christmas season. The feast goes back at least to the 4<sup>th</sup> century—it is mentioned by Egeria, an early pilgrim to the Holy Land, in her famous diary—but it took the form we know today only gradually. The history of the feast shows a shifting emphasis. Sometimes this has been viewed as a feast of Mary (it was long known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary), sometimes as a feast of the Lord. Our liturgy today clearly shows this to be a feast of Jesus, and casts the procession and blessing of candles almost as a profession of faith in him—Christ, the light of nations.

**Thursday, February 3. Optional Memorials of Saint Blasé, (+316) bishop, martyr; Saint Ansgar (801-865) bishop.** Although Saint Blasé (also spelled Blaise) and Saint Ansgar were separated by time, they both wanted to care for souls. While serving as Bishop of Sebastea, in Armenia, Saint Blasé was a visible witness of the Gospel, which eventually led to his martyrdom during the persecutions of Diocletian. His feast day is commemorated with a blessing of the throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone.

Saint Ansgar, born in France, was a monk with a missionary spirit. He longed to travel to distant lands to draw more and more souls to the saving message of Christ. His missionary endeavors were directed toward Scandinavian territory, thus earning him the title Patron of Denmark. He is credited with organizing missions to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, and building the first Christian church in Sweden. Due to his excellent leadership and preaching skills, Saint Ansgar was appointed Archbishop of Hamburg.

**Saturday, February 5, Memorial, Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr.** Following the footsteps of many virgin martyrs, Saint Agatha's (3<sup>rd</sup> century) espousal to Christ was despised by anti-Christian sentiment. Quintianus, a consul in Sicily, did everything in his power to force Saint Agatha to renounce her consecration to Christ, from making her live in a brothel to rolling her in hot coals. Agatha stood firm and would not relent. When she would not bend to his wish, Quintianus had her breasts cut off and placed on a platter. In the custom originating in the Middle Ages, people celebrate her feast day by blessing bread that is placed on a platter. People call upon her for protection against fire, earthquakes, and breast diseases.

Sourcebook