



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*The water that I shall give will become a spring  
of eternal life*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 27, 2011-Saturday, April 2, 2011**

Sunday	8:00 AM	<b>Stella Castaneda †</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Souls In Purgatory †</b>
	12:00 Noon	<b>People of St. Ambrose</b>
Monday	7:00 AM	<b>Dr. Norma Salceda</b>
		<b>Stella Castaneda †</b>
Tuesday	7:00 AM	<b>In Honor of St. Jude and St. Francis</b>
		<b>Bob Alexander</b>
Wednesday	7:00 AM	<b>Peter Cunje †</b>
Thursday	7:00 AM	<b>Leanna Levy</b>
Friday	7:00 AM	<b>Jo Iannello</b>
Saturday	5:30 PM	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Heebner †† Elane Dobler †</b>

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, March 27, 2011-Saturday, April 2, 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	<b>6:00-7:30 PM</b>	<b>LENTEN MEAL</b>
	<b>7:30-8:30 PM</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
Saturday	4:30-5:00 PM	<b>Confessions</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, Richard Vargas, Glenn Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

**Readings for next Sunday April 3, 2011**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7. 10-13a**

**Responsorial Psalm 23**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14**

**Gospel: John 9: 1-41**

**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 HRCIO@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 March 20, \$1,481, (\$4,303.)**

**Thank you for your generosity**

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

**COMING EVENTS**

Fridays of Lent through April 15: 6:00-7:30 PM Lenten Meal  
7:30-8:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
April 17 Palm Sunday, 5:30pm (Saturday), 8am, 12 noon Mass  
Starts In Patio. 10am Mass starts in parking lot.  
1:00 PM TRIDUUM presentation, J. Praml  
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  
Mass begins in parking lot with blessing  
of Easter Candle.

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PRESENTS****"WELCOME MATT"**

The Gospel of Matthew will come alive on stage at St. Joseph the Worker when the parish presents the musical "Welcome Matt." The production is part of the parish Lenten mission and features the parish music ministry. Uplifting, engaging entertainment for all ages.  
**Two performances: Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 3:30 PM. Admission is \$10 per person. At the Msgr Austin J. Green Conference Center of St. Joseph the Worker Church, 19803 Sherman Way, Winnetka. Information: 818-341-6634.**

**ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS RETREATS**

St. Joseph Campus of Sacred Heart Retreat House, 507 No. Granada Avenue, Alhambra 91801, 626-289-1353.

Desiring something more? Join us for a day of talks and activities focusing on a deeper prayer life. The day will include time for prayer and reflection, Confession and Holy Mass. *Contemplative Prayer Conference – Sunday April 10, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Speaker Rev. Thomas Nelson, O. Praem. Cost \$45 or pay what you can (continental breakfast and lunch included)*

*Apologetics Series with Jesse Romero. Jesse Romero will present a 4-part series on Evidence for the Resurrection. Begins Wednesday May 4, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and continues every Wednesday in May. Cost \$5 per night (if you are able) to cover expenses.*

**PEWS**

The pews are practically completed and there is a brighter look at St. Ambrose. Contributions are still needed, and we thank all parishioners and non-parishioners for their contributions.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

What was the Samaritan woman looking for in those six men? Pope Benedict XVI writes that "the woman is made aware of what in actuality she has always known but to which she has not always adverted: that she thirsts for like itself and that all the assuaging that she seeks and finds cannot slake this living elemental thirst. There comes to light the real dilemma, the deep-seated waywardness of her existence: she is brought face to face with herself." What brings this about is an encounter with Jesus? Pontius Pilate will declare: "Behold the man!" From our own living and elemental thirst, like the woman at the well, we do just that, giving ourselves to this man who in his thirst asks us for a drink. We are certain that all we will "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Our "hope does not disappoint." We will not die in our thirst. The Lord is in our midst. Finally satisfaction can happen. (Magnificat)

**First Reading:** In our journey through salvation history we come to Moses and the chosen people in the desert. This is a moment of decision. These people are weary and their thirst makes them desperate. Moses fears for his life and pleads with God. God responds by working a great wonder for the people. Just days before, God parted the waters of the Red Sea to make a passage for them. Now, at God's word, Moses' staff splits the rock so that water pours forth for the people to drink.

**Responsorial Psalm 95** is a retelling of that same story in poetic form. We are urged not to grumble and doubt, as the chosen people did in the desert: instead, we must open our ears to God's voice, trusting the One who is "the Rock of our salvation."

**Second Reading:** The passage from the letter to the Romans is typical Saint Paul: dense and complex, with the Pauline vocabulary of justification, faith, hope, and love. Perhaps the key concept for this Third Sunday of Lent is the point on which the passage ends: that Christ died not for the righteous, but for sinners. In the First Reading God works a miracle for the grumbling Israelites; in the Gospel Christ reaches out to the sinful woman of Samaria. God does not step back and wait for us to come to him. Instead, he reaches out to us in our sinfulness.

**Gospel:** The first lines of the Gospel place Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well in the midst of the age-old enmity between Jews and Samaritans. They hated each other the more; perhaps, because they had so much in common—they shared not only a common ancestor, Jacob, but they worshipped the same God and read the same scriptures. But their differences drove them apart, and for a devout Jew contact with a Samaritan was enough to incur ritual uncleanness. Only in that context can the surprise of this encounter come

through. In reaching out to the Samaritan woman, Jesus breaks down many barriers.

The long dialogue between them is like a gradual process of initiation; there is a movement from resistance to acceptance, from literal to symbolic. At first, Jesus asks the woman for a drink and the woman is concerned with etiquette; she points out to him that in accepting a drink from her hands he will violate the prescriptions of his own tradition. Then Jesus speaks of something new: "living water." Still literal, the woman points out that Jesus does "not even have a bucket," but she begins to wonder who Jesus is, who makes such promises: "Are you greater than our father Jacob...?" And then, moving still deeper, Jesus shows that living water leads to "eternal life." Now, her gaze turned inward, the woman asks for this gift for herself.

In the second part of the dialogue, the revelations go even deeper. Jesus reveals that he knows the woman's past, and she acknowledges the truth of what he says; in fact, his understanding of her sinfulness is a sign for her that he is truly "a prophet." As she acknowledges her own past, Jesus reveals to her more about himself: he is not only the giver of "living water," but more; he is the Messiah, who will lead all people to a deeper worship of the Father, "in Spirit and truth." And the woman, fully initiated, as it were, goes out to speak of what Jesus has done, and many others come to meet Jesus at the well and invite him into their homes.

For a fascinating in-depth exploration of this passage, see Brother John of Taizé's *At the Wellspring* (Alba House), and Jean Vanier's *Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John* (Paulist Press.)

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**You can help create a safer environment for children by leaving your parish or community environment safer each day than when you started.**

This could be as simple as training yourself to do a more effective job of keeping your eye on those around you when they interact with children—and it can be an easy habit to develop. It just takes persistence and a way to measure your success. For example, in order to make yourself "notice" those who are interacting with children, you could try counting the number of children you see each day interacting with non-parental adults. Okay...so this would be a little unrealistic for a schoolteacher, but for the rest of us it could be a very big learning experience.

**Getting to and from school safely.** If your child walks to school, walk the route with him/her to identify landmarks and safe places to go if he/she is being followed or needs help. Create a map with your child showing acceptable routes to and from school using main roads and avoiding shortcuts and isolated areas. Make sure young children are properly supervised going to and from school, whether it is by you as a parent/guardian, an older sibling or another trusted adult. Remind older children to always take a friend when walking or riding their bikes to and from school. For particular help call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650. For back to school child safety checklist, visit [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) and click on "Back to School Safety."