



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) 656-8390 (Office)
(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: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*Stay awake, that you may be prepared.***MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 4, 2010**

Sunday	8:00 AM	Gerry Day
		Ella Mae Lorack
	10:00 AM	Marie Therese Jones †
	12:00 Noon	Armando Calimbias
Monday	7:00 AM	Jo Martinson
		Robert Chapman
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Paulina Torzar †
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Melissa & Adriano Scacchi -(Anniv.)
Thursday	7:00 AM	Salvatore & Jennie Iannello ††
Friday	7:00 AM	Lila Letteau
Saturday	5:30 PM	Vicky Palestra †

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**Sunday, November 28, 2010-Saturday, December 4, 2010**

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 AM	St Jude Mass & Rosary
Friday	7:00-8:00 PM	HOLY HOUR--
Saturday	4:30-5:00 PM	Confessions
	5:30 PM	Vigil Mass

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, 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 Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

Readings for next Sunday, December 5, 2010**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10****Responsorial Psalm 72****Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9****Gospel: Matthew: 3: 1-12****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, November 21, \$ (\$)

Not available due to early submission of Newsletter.**Thank you for your generosity**

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR**Memorial of St. Ambrose, December 7, Mass 7:00 AM****St. Ambrose Christmas Dinner, Dec. 5, 6-9:30 PM****Solemnity Immaculate Conception, December 8,****Holy Day of Obligation - Mass 7:00 AM ONLY****Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 12 Noon Mass****Christmas Eve morning, December 24, Mass 7:00 AM****Christmas Eve evening, December 24, Mass 10:00 PM****Christmas Day, December 25, Masses at****10:00 AM and 12 Noon****New Year's Day, January 1, 2011, Mass 10:00 AM ONLY****Sunday December 26, 2010 and Sunday January 2, 2011****Masses as usual.****OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, December 12. The Aztec Indians will again perform at the Mass.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tickets for our annual Christmas Diner on Sunday, December 5, 6:00-9:00 PM are on sale following all weekend masses through December 5. Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office Monday through Thursday. Meal is choice of Turkey or Salmon. Adults \$30; Children under 12, \$15. 50/50 Tickets will also be available. Donations of recycled gifts are needed for the raffle, or gift cards.

NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.

TICKETS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

ADVENT DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY

Our parish very generously helps the poor and homeless by supporting the program at Blessed Sacrament. Donations of cans of Tuna, and toiletry items (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, combs, etc.--for both men and women) are needed. All items will be distributed through the Blessed Sacrament Homeless Program. Donation box is next to Baptismal Font. Please be as generous as you can with your donations.

PRAY SHAWL FOR YOU WHO ARE SICK

The Pray Shawl ministry consists of people who knit shawls for a person(s) who is sick. A pray is recited especially for the sick with each shawl for whom it is being given. If you, or someone you know, is in need of special prayers and needs a Pray Shawl, please contact Jo Martinson, the Parish Nurse. Her number is on the front of the Newsletter.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

This holiday season you can help the Office of Restorative Justice by donating a small toy or a \$5.00 gift certificate to McDonalds. These gifts will be distributed to the families of the incarcerated. As a third year candidate in diaconate formation, we are asked to integrate this vital ministry into our parishes. I would appreciate your support. For further information please call me, Michael Morgan, at 213-908-6007. There will be a donation box adjacent to the Baptismal Font for your donation, or drop your \$5.00 gift certificate into the collection basket. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent—a day of beginnings and of endings. We stand at the beginning of a new liturgical season and a new liturgical year, yet our readings are all about endings. Jesus invites his disciples to meditate on the end of time in order to bring them to a new beginning: a conversion of heart and a change of life.

TODAYS READINGS (Year A)

First Reading: In this reading from First Isaiah, the prophet envisions a future time of reconciliation and peace. He sees the Lord's house standing above the highest mountain, and all the peoples of the earth on pilgrimage to that holy place, their weapons of war changed into useful tools. We climb this mountain for a reason—to be taught the Lord's ways. This vision of the future ends with an invitation for here and now: "O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5).

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122 is the son of pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem, glad and full of good will for their family and friends and all people. It is an apt psalm for the Church as we await the Lord's return, rejoicing indeed, but also full of prayers for the needs and intentions of the world. (Notice that is exactly the same psalm and refrain that we had last Sunday, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. This psalm is like a thread that brings us from the end of one Lectionary cycle, Year C, to the beginning of the next cycle, Year A.)

Second Reading: Saint Paul, like Isaiah, uses imagery of war to describe the parousia. Isaiah imagined the people beating their swords into ploughshares; Saint Paul envisions each Christian preparing for spiritual battle, not with armor of steel and weapons of destruction, but with armor of light, clothed in Christ himself.

Gospel: In the Second Reading, Saint Paul says, "you know the time" (Romans 13:11), but in the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will come: he will take us by surprise.

The vivid imagery makes it clear that his coming will be so sudden that we will all be about our ordinary daily tasks. The only way to be prepared is to stay awake, to watch for the coming of this "thief" (Matthew 24:43). In Matthew's account of the Gospel, this teaching comes shortly before the beginning of the Passion narrative.

FEAST/MEMORIAL MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 30. Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle. Saint Andrew (first century), a fisherman by trade, is commonly referred to as the "first-called." While fishing along the shore of Galilee with his brother, Simon, Jesus called both of them to cast aside their nets in order to preach the "Good News." Recognizing the fervent faith and zeal of Andrew, Jesus bestowed upon him the title "apostle," making him one of the chosen Twelve. Although he is only mentioned a few times in the Gospel, Andrew is depicted as one who brings others to the saving message of Jesus. From his declaration, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41), to the moment when he brought forth the young boy with the five loaves and two fishes in order to feed the five thousand, Andrew called people to heed the truth of Jesus. Following the descent of the Holy Spirit, he became a missionary to lands far and near. Little is known about his death, but tradition maintains that Saint Andrew was crucified on a "saltire cross," an X-shaped cross.

Friday, December 3. Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, priest. Saint Francis Xavier (1506-1552), a native Spaniard, was one of the founding members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). Francis Xavier felt called to be a "spiritual soldier" through missionary endeavors to Christianize foreign lands and convert the hearts of unbelievers. One of the many honors Francis received in his life was his appointment by the Pope as apostolic nuncio (an ambassador of the Church) to the East. He traveled to many places, including India, the Philippines, and Japan. In his travels, Francis fought oppressive colonial practices (enslavement and abuse of the Portuguese by European colonists), tended to the needs of the sick and infirm, revitalized the liturgical and sacramental life of already existing Christian populations, and drew people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 4. Optional memorial of Saint John of Damascus, priest, doctor of the Church. Saint John of Damascus: Monk: doctor of the Church, theologian, scholar, poet, hymnologist, and liturgist. These are just a few of the roles Saint John Damascus (676-749) fulfilled as a faithful son of the Church. Most notably, he is remembered for his avid defense of the use of sacred art in churches, monasteries, and homes. Born only five years after the death of Muhammed, John was thrust into conflict, particularly regarding a heresy called iconoclasm. The iconoclastic heresy, which sought to destroy all images of devotion, resulted from the misinterpretation on behalf of the emperor and many others that Christians were using sacred art as a means of idol worship. Saint John Damascus composed three treatises with the goal of lifting up images of Christ, the saints, and Mary as a doorway to the mystery of God's saving work

(Sourcebook).