



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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors and  
 prostitutes are entering the kingdom before you.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Sunday September 25, 2011-Saturday, October 1, 2011**

Sunday	8:00 AM	<b>Mary &amp; Charlie Jacobsen</b> ††
	10:00 AM	<b>John Petroff</b> †
	12:00 Noon	<b>Jere Morgan, Sr.</b> † <b>Erlinda Abella</b> † <b>Leopoldo Abella</b> † <b>Jesus Abella</b> †
Monday	7:00 AM	<b>Ken Rhodes</b>
Tuesday	7:00 AM	<b>Jere Morgan Sr</b> †
Wednesday	7:00 AM	<b>Jere Morgan Sr</b> †
Thursday	7:00 AM	<b>Josefina Calderon</b>
Friday	7:00 AM	<b>Elizabeth Po</b>
Saturday	5:30 PM	<b>Louis Iannello Sr</b> †

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES****Sunday September 25, 2011-Saturday, October 1, 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	--	--
Saturday	3:30-5:00 PM	<b>St Ambrose Theater Grp</b>
	4:30 -5:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b>
	5:30 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b>

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Bob Alexander, Aurelia Arroyo, Lou Bowab, Joyce Bowab, John Bowab, Barbara Chapman, Thomas Chapman, Jim Christopher, Yvonne Cunje, John Cusick, 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, Monique Laville, Helen Lemanski, Jessica Leoni, Lila Letteau, Leanna Levy, Marie Lopez, Kate McLaughlin, Jo Martinson, July Mercado, June Meyer, Frank Nicosia, Donald O'Connell, Mary Petroff, Don Petroff, Dorothy Petroff, Mike Posey, Lois Roman, Donna Saur, Sean Sweeney, Cheryl Uitti, Richard Vargas, Glenn Waggner, Phyllis Waggner, Evelyn White

**Readings for next Sunday October 2, 2011****Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading Isaiah: 5: 1-7****Responsorial Psalm 80****Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9****Gospel Matthew 21: 33-43****STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 2011-2012**

A summary of parish ordinary income –  
 (Sunday envelopes and Sunday loose money)  
 Weekly Amount to meet Budget \$5,784  
**Amount received Sunday September 18, \$2,211, (\$3,573)**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Month of October Respect Life Month.** Donation for  
 Infant and baby needs (diapers, bottles, etc.)  
**Thursday, October 27,** 7–9 pm, St Jude Ministry social  
 Celebrating the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude  
**November 1-December 12,** Advent collection of canned  
 Tuna, toiletries etc. for Blessed Sacrament Homeless Program  
**Sunday, December 4,** 5:30–8:30 pm, Christmas Dinner

**READING OF THE CLASSICS**

The Welsh classic poetry of R. S. Thomas, Wilfred Owen, George Herbert, Sharon Morris, and Dylan Thomas, among others, including Dylan's great poem, "Fern Hill," will be read by Joe Praml, Saint Ambrose parishioner and Lector. The readings continue on, Sunday, September 25, 4 to 5 PM, at the 2011 Welsh Festival of Arts, Barnsdall Art Park, 4800 Hollywood Blvd. Outdoor Lector Stage. \$10 general admission to Festival.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Friends at Saint Ambrose: Thank you all very much for your kindness and love expressed by your prayers and cards during my recent surgery. They gave me great comfort. They have helped in my recovery and although it is a slow process, with God's help, I'm getting there. God bless you all for remembering me. Mary Gonsalves

**PARISH PATIO POTLUCK PICNIC**

The "Picnic" on Sunday was attended by approximately 50-60 people, all enjoying each other's company and the food that was brought, which, as usual, was delicious. Congratulations to Judi Levin who won the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to all who participated. An especial thanks to Teri Dartez and her crew for all the work in putting together another enjoyable social event at St. Ambrose.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If you have a child, or know of a child, who is ready to receive instructions for First Holy Communion, there is still time to register that child. Instructions are at 11 AM each Sunday morning in the Patio Center. Fee is \$25 which covers all material used during the classes. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. For further information contact Judi Levin, 323-851-9393.

**Have you remembered your Parish in your will?**

For further information please contact the rectory or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust & Estate Programs, LA Archdiocese, 213-637-7472, e-mail [HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org) or [estateplanning.com/trustacct](http://estateplanning.com/trustacct). Our Legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the benefit of St. Ambrose Church

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In the Collect for today, we hear that God shows his power “in....mercy and forgiveness.” By that equation, the readings for today reveal the surpassing power of God, whose forgiveness is without limit.

**First Reading:** The passage from Ezekiel seems to continue a conversation we began last Sunday with the parable of the workers in the vineyard: “The Lord’s way is not fair!” (Ezekiel 18:25). But God responds that it is we who are unfair, in clinging to our resentments and refusing to forgive. For those who turn from virtue to sin will die, but the one who turns away from evil, God grants life.

**Responsorial Psalm 25** is the prayer of one who has turned to the Lord and seeks guidance to walk in God’s ways.

**Second Reading:** Today’s reading calls on the Philippians to “complete my joy” (Philippians 2:21) by being united—in thought and love, in mind and heart. We must be selfless—putting the needs of others ahead of our own needs. In short, we must take on the “attitude” of Christ (Philippians 2:5) who emptied himself of glory and gave himself up to death for us. In this passage, which we also hear on Palm Sunday, the whole Paschal Mystery is expressed.

**Gospel:** Jesus speaks this parable to those who oppose him, the “chief priests and elders of the people” (Matthew 21:21). The parable is about saying and doing. Is it better to say yes and do nothing, or to say no and then do what God asks? The answer is obvious. The son who actually went out and worked in the vineyard is the one who did the father’s will. In this parable Jesus holds up a mirror for these leaders of the people to see themselves. For while sinners accept the kingdom, the “good” people—scribes and elders and Pharisees—say yes, but will not take a step toward the presence of God in their very midst.

**FEAST/MEMORIAL MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 26, Optional memorial, Saint Cosmos and Saint Damian, (+287?) martyrs.** Saints Cosmos and Damian were brothers, possible twins, who practiced medicine without accepting money for their services, which is why they are known in the East as the *anargyroi*, meaning “moneyless ones” or “moneyless healers.” As vibrant witnesses to the Christian faith, they were arrested during the Diocletian persecutions. When they refused to renounce their faith and engage in idolatrous worship, they were beheaded and cast into the sea. They are patron saints of twins, confectioners, the sightless, and many medical professions (e.g. physicians, nurses, and dentists).

**Tuesday, September 27, Memorial, Saint Vincent de Paul 1580/1-1660), priest.** Saint Vincent de Paul, a French priest, gradually became aware of the growing disparity between the rich and poor; therefore, he laid the

framework for a confraternity of caring called the Servants of the Poor, which provided for the physical needs of the poor. Recognizing the call to care for not only their physical needs, but also their spiritual needs, he established a society of priests, the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians), dedicated to preaching to peasants, catechesis of the marginalized, and other charitable works. In collaboration with Saint Louise Montford de Marillac, he founded the Daughters of Charity, a new community of sisters not bound by traditional vows or enclosure, devoted to the sick, orphaned, the imprisoned. Saint Vincent is the patron of charitable societies. Many day care, hospitals, thrift stores, and soup kitchens are named in his honor.

**Wednesday, September 27, Optional Memorials of Saint Wenceslaus (907-929), martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz (1600?-1637), martyr and companions.** Most people are familiar with **Saint Wenceslaus** due to the popular Christmas carol “Good King Wenceslaus.” Although this ancient carol is not based on historical events, it illustrates the fame King Wenceslaus received because of his heroic life. As a Christian king in Bohemia, a primarily pagan country, he worked fervently to Christianize his people. His attempt to evangelize the Bohemians was not received well by some, including his brother who eventually murdered him. As he was dying, he prayed that God would forgive his brother. Shortly following his death people proclaimed him a martyr. **Saint Lawrence Ruiz**, fled to Japan from Manila to escape an unjust charge. Upon arrival he was greeted with hostility due to an edict that banned Christianity. When he and 15 companions would not adhere to the state religion and trample on religious images associated with the Catholic faith, they were executed.

**Thursday, September 29 Feast, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels.** Scripture mentions but briefly the archangels Michael and Gabriel, and speaks of Raphael only in the book of Tobit. In the New Testament, Gabriel is the messenger who announces the birth of John the Baptist and that of Jesus, which Michael appears at the head of the heavenly hosts, the conqueror of Satan in the great battle of the endtime. They fill the entire span of the history of salvation with their invisible presence. They are the Lord’s “angels” or messengers, revealing his designs and carrying out his commands. (Magnificat)

**Friday, September 30, Memorial, Saint Jerome (345-420), priest, doctor of the Church.** Saint Jerome is the patron saint of scholars and librarians. With a great love of learning and books, as a monk and priest he developed a passion for the interpretation of Sacred Scripture. Along with writing, he provided spiritual guidance to wealthy widows and mentored young monks in monastic discipline. Saint Jerome joins three other saints (Ambrose, Augustine, and Gregory the Great) as the first doctors of the Church.

**Saturday, October 1, Memorial Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus (1873-1897) virgin, doctor of the Church.** Known as the “Little Flower” she was a spiritual athlete, but not in the same way as her contemporaries. Unlike the spirituality of her time, which favored self-mortification and miraculous phenomena, she approached God through the ordinary experiences of everyday life. As a Carmelite nun, she coined the phrase “Little Way,” referring to a belief that every act, no matter how great or small, is an opportunity to meet and praise God. She suffered with the debilitating disease of tuberculosis. She is the patron saint of the missions and a doctor of the Church.

(Sourcebook)