

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TO LOVE TO NOURISH TO INSPIRE TO SERVE

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SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

In Genesis, the serpent is one of God's creatures - a cunning one, to be sure, but one of "the animals that the Lord God had made" (Gn. 3:1). Nothing in Genesis explains why the serpent chooses to trick or tempt the two humans to disobey their Creator. In Matthew, Jesus is tempted by the devil, a figure later Christian traditions associate with the serpent in the garden. The test in the wilderness is administered by the devil but initiated by God, as Matthew writes: "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted" (Mt 4:1). Perhaps God is testing to see if his Son will succeed where Adam failed.

Because Jesus stood firm against the devil's seductions, "acquittal [that is, justification] and life came to all" (Rom 5:18). Lent invites us to meditate on our own participation in both Adam and Christ. As the psalmist writes, "I acknowledge my offense" (Ps. 51:3). We face honestly our guilt and the sins we have committed against God. But Lent also, paradoxically, invites us into the joy of our guilt being washed away. As Paul writes, "how



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much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign" (Rom 5:17).

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

MASS TIMES:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Livestreamed) & 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS

By Appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements 6 months in advance

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Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



“Listening & Fasting”

“I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor.” ~ Pope Leo XV

A Call to Abstain from Harsh Speech

One of the most practical appeals in this Lenten message is a suggestion that goes beyond traditional fasting:

The Pope asks the faithful to **refrain from words that offend, hurt, or divide others.**

He urges believers to *“disarm our language”* by avoiding **harsh words, rash judgment, slander, and speaking ill of others.**

Instead, the Pope encourages cultivating **kindness, respect, and peace** in everyday conversation — in families, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media, and within Christian communities.

To read more visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/len/20260205-messaggio-quaresima.html>

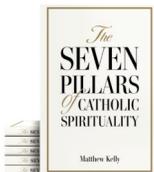


Stations of the Cross

Beginning Friday, February 20, 2026, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and continuing every Friday of Lent through March 27, 2026, we will pray the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion in the Roman Catholic Church. Traditionally observed on Lenten Fridays—most especially on Good Friday—this devotion invites the faithful to meditate on fourteen events along the journey of Jesus’ Passion.

Through prayerful reflection on each station, we spiritually walk with Christ in His suffering. This devotion encourages meditation, prayer, and empathy, helping us reflect more deeply on His sacrifice and renew our call to live lives of love, selflessness, and faithful discipleship.



**Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.
February 17 through March 31, 2026**

Come explore, reflect, and grow in faith together.

If you haven’t signed up yet, there is still time! Don’t miss this opportunity to journey toward the Cross with us as we open our hearts through prayer, Scripture reading, and meaningful conversation.

Sign up here:
<https://stambroseweho.flocknote.com/signup/240108>

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PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org

PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)

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Total:	\$3,648.00

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Jesus the Servant

FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY. - MARK 10:45

Virtual Diaconate Formation Information Day

Sunday, March 8, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

via Zoom
Presentación en español disponible

To register please scan the QR Code and complete the registration form, or email NGDubon@la-archdiocese.org
Para registrarse, escanee el Código QR y llene la solicitud, o envíe correo electrónico a NGDubon@la-archdiocese.org

Allow us to accompany you in the discernment of a possible vocation to the diaconate.

Permítanos acompañarlo en el discernimiento a una posible vocación al diaconado.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Triduum Begins

Holy Thursday April 2 – 7:00 PM mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 3 – 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM