

St. Ambrose Church

TO LOVE TO NOURISH TO INSPIRE TO SERVE

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"Teacher which commandment is the greatest in the Law?"

JESUS DECLARED

"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND
WITH ALL YOUR MIND."

This is the first and greatest
commandment. And the second is like it:

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two
commandments.

~Matthew 22:34-40

Scripture Insights

How can love be commanded? In the modern mind, love is the product of long-term mutual understanding, like that found in the nuclear family or among close friends. True love - beyond affection or desire - requires that people know and understand each other well and be willing to sacrifice for each other's benefit. Decades of memories invest such love with powerful feelings of affection and joy. In this way of thinking, love is not something one can command, but must grow of itself over a long period of time.

In the Bible, by contrast, love means loyalty. It is closer to love among members of a large extended family. Such love shows itself especially during times of hardship. For example, distant cousins might not know each other well, but if one needs a kidney, often relatives will line up to make a donation. In this same manner, Israel's covenantal love sprang from feelings of protection and survival. People who might have never met each other but bore Israelite lineage felt a mutual loyalty, especially in matters of life or death.

It is of this love that this Sunday's readings speak. God is loyal to Israel's poor and expects every Israelite to love them as family. Similarly, the psalmist gives reasons to love God that include God's role as "strength," "fortress," "deliverer," "rock of refuge." Like a powerful relative, God protects Israel in every hardship, and calls on Israel to be loyal in return.

Jesus commands biblical love because he knows that it reveals God's kingdom. Loving God reminds us that we are God's family. Loving neighbor reminds us that we are citizens of God's kingdom. Every act of love thus turns our attention to the kingdom hidden in plain sight.

-Sourcebook 2026

Sunday Mass

10:00 a.m. (Livestream)
& 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday
6:00 p.m.

Adoration

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Confessions

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

Sacraments

Baptisms: By Appointment

Marriage: Arrangements 6
months in advance

Anointing of the Sick &
Funerals: Call the Parish Office

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**St.
Ambrose
WeHo
Quarterly
GLO Social
Hour**



Our quarterly St. Ambrose WeHo GLO Social Hour will take place on Sunday, October 25th following the 5 o'clock Mass. Light refreshments will be provided, but please do bring food or non-alcoholic beverages to share (including serving utensils if needed).

It happens to fall on the Sunday before All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The 5 o'clock Mass will be offered for the blessed eternal repose of longtime parishioner Vogue Lansing, who was active with GLO for many years, and passed away on Christmas Eve 2025.

GLO is part of the CMLGP in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please visit www.cmlgp.org for further information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trick or treat safety

Halloween is a fun night for a child, but it can be much more nerve-wracking for parents. We're offering a few tips to keep things safe and fun while you are out trick-or-treating this year. Consider using reflective tape on your child's costume, back, and shoes, to increase visibility. Your child may also want to wear glow stick necklaces and bracelets that will help them be seen by motorists and bicyclists. You should also consider using face paint or makeup instead of a mask for your child. Masks can make it harder for children to see, and harder for you to easily identify your child in a crowd. For more tips, please visit <https://www.chla.org/blog/advice-experts/halloween-safety-tips-chla-expert>.



Readings for October 25, 2026

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Responsorial Psalm: 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Second Reading: First Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Alleluia: John 14: 23

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Remembrance Circle First Anniversary



On November 2nd 2025, All Souls Day, Katie Amess and Eugene Salandra facilitated the inaugural St. Ambrose WeHo Remembrance Circle in the old Baptistry of the Church, which now also serves as our Memorial Chapel.

This Chapel features the beautiful Memorial Tree, on which the names of many of our dear ones who have gone before us are inscribed, as well as the life-sized statue of our parish patron, St. Ambrose, his relic, and that of Pope St. Pius X. As we gather each month around

the Baptismal Font to share stories of our departed loved ones, and to pray together, we are reminded of our incorporation into the life of Christ, and into eternal life through His passion, death, and resurrection.

On November 1st, 2026 All Saints Day, we will celebrate the first anniversary of the Remembrance Circle, which takes place in the Memorial Chapel the **first Sunday morning of each month, at 11:45.**

We invite those who will join us to bring small photographs of their loved ones, as well as small flower arrangements, to honor both the Solemnity of All Saints and the first anniversary of our Circle.

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)

October 18, 2026

Offertory.....	\$ 1,092.00
Online.....	\$2,709.00
Total.....	\$3,801.00

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Pope Leo XIV has granted a Plenary Indulgence in honor of three significant milestones in the history of the Congregation of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick.

From May 8 through December 4, 2026, the faithful may obtain this plenary indulgence by visiting any chapel of the Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, and fulfilling the Church's prescribed conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence.

This special grace offers an opportunity to deepen our faith, seek God's mercy, and celebrate the rich spiritual heritage and mission of this Congregation.

Those wishing to receive the plenary indulgence are welcome to visit the convent in Los Angeles during either of the following hours: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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