

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness and hospitality.

MASSES:

Sunday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 April 2026



THANKS BE TO GOD

On Tuesday evening this week those who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church and our parish gathered with the OCIA catechists for an intimate, quiet dinner in the Saint Augustine Room. Eleven people were there (someone had to snap the photograph). The atmosphere was festive and joyful.

They discussed the experience of celebrating Holy Week and the joy of receiving the sacraments. Saint Ambrose Church is blessed with new members. We are growing and we are a community enthusiastic for living according to Jesus' gospel. May we always be so blessed!

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about Jesus, is looking for a church home, is in search of a community where they will be supported in living a life of virtue, invite them to come to church with you. Invite them to begin exploring our faith and our church.

A personal touch from someone they know and someone who cares is the best introduction to the heart of Jesus.

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST



The Solemnity of Pentecost is one of the anchor celebrations of the entire church year. It brings our Easter celebrating to a conclusion, following the days of Jesus' appearances to his disciples, his ascension to the Father and the sus-

taining gift of their Holy Spirit to the world. While Easter is celebrated near the beginning of spring, Pentecost points us toward the summer solstice and the time of the greatest light in the sky. Jesus who is the Light of our lives has scattered the darkness of sin, war, hatred, and death. We live in the light.

We already celebrate Pentecost Sunday with great solemnity: with banners, the flags of the nations, prayers in many languages — all pointing to the unity of faith in Jesus Christ's saving activity. To highlight the singular importance of this feast, this year our church will add a celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost to our usual weekend schedule.

At 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 23rd, we gather in church to pray Vespers in the context of keeping watch for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Vespers is the name of evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours; the word comes from the Latin word for evening. The vigil is centered around Scripture readings which look forward to the renewing gift of God's Spirit. After the readings and a short homily, Vespers culminates in singing the Canticle of Mary. After brief intercessions and praying the Lord's Prayer, a blessing dismisses the congregation until we gather again for Mass at 10:00 am to give glory to God for the gift of his Spirit.

The Pentecost Vigil mirrors the Easter Vigil, but is not nearly as lengthy. Without the Service of Light, the Liturgy of Baptism, and being in the context of Vespers rather than Mass, this liturgy is significantly briefer. On Pentecost weekend, please come to church on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm, and then again on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. It will be a powerful way to bring the arc of the Lent-Easter season to its conclusion.

MISSION STATEMENT

Since the beginning of March the Parish Mission Council has been soliciting your feedback about renewing and updating our parish mission statement. Since it was adopted in its current form, many new parishioners have come; our various ministries are continually adapt in order to respond to current needs within our purview. Throughout April, each ministry group was asked to respond to an updating of the mission statement from the unique perspective of their ministry's service. All of this feedback will be taken up by the members of the Parish Mission Council at their meeting today; they will work on guiding the statement toward a form ready to present to our church community.

On Sunday, May 17th, we will have a town hall meeting in church, right after Mass (after the pattern of the town hall meeting we had about the school building). It will last for 45 minutes and provide those who want to stay an opportunity to comment on a new draft of the mission statement. Having been shaped by our members and our ministries, we envision having a formal promulgation of a newly adopted mission statement as part of our Pentecost celebration just one week later.



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

10 - 18 May 2026

Join the parish in a nine-day honoring of our mothers. Prayerfully remembering our mothers who have passed away, and honoring our mothers still living among us, we pray for God's abundant blessings on them and their intentions. Use the envelope in your packet or the fund portal through our website to list the mothers whom you want to remember this way. Our novena of prayers begins on May 10 and continues through May 18.



PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The archdiocese requires that all parish personnel (employees and volunteers) comply with standards of conduct outlined in extensive policies, designed to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. Our parish’s compliance officers, Deborah Ball and Reva Stephens, are reviewing our files and making sure everyone’s information is up to date. Please lend your cooperation to their efforts. It’s a small inconvenience compared to the inestimable value of keeping every child safe.

MASS COUNT SURVEY

Every year the archdiocese asks every household in attendance on a particular weekend to complete a brief survey about your family. The information helps us to gauge one measure of our evangelization efforts, and is part of reporting requirements to the Vatican. If you did not — and only if you did not — complete the form last Sunday, we’ll take a few minutes at the end of Mass today to allow your family to complete the survey.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES BASEBALL

The Men’s Fellowship outing to Camden Yards is on May 8th. All of the regular tickets have sold. If you want to go, you still have an opportunity to win two tickets.

Two pairs of tickets are being raffled. You can purchase chances after Mass in the back of the church:

- 6 chances for \$5.00
- 13 chances for \$10.00

The drawing will be next Sunday, May 3rd.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 04/26: Denver Johnson in remembrance of his passing, requested by his wife, Ethel Johnson and his sister, S. Ann Johnson;
- 04/30: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/03: Clyde Henderson Jackman on the 1st anniversary of his passing, requested by his loving wife, Millie;
- 05/07: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.
- 05/10: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/14: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

SENIOR CITIZEN’S DINNER

Sunday, 03 May 2026

This annual dinner is hosted by the students at Notre Dame Prep. A bus will pick up dinner guests in front of our church at 1:15 pm and return you to church at 4:45 pm. There is space for 35 guests on the bus. Because the dinner is next Sunday, be sure to sign up today.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome table.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
<i>19 April 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$1,178.60
<i>19 April 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,001.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$3,179.60
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



Use this QR code to make a donation or to sign up for online giving.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor, a deacon, or a eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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| Mary Adderly | Louis Cooper | Gloria B. Harris | Brenda Richardson | Jean Thomas |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Angela Johnson | Charles Richardson Williams | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Corey Richardson | Tammy Vaughn |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Josie Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Rosalie Watkins |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Joseph Jones | Danielle Singley | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Lydia Lashley | Bryan Smith | Yvonne Wilder |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Michael Bruce | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Renee Bruce | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |
| Al Butler | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate | |
| Debbie Chase | Karen Gross | Danielle Owens | Ernest Thames | |

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FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1 - 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 20b - 25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 10: 1 - 10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."