

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2026

Happy and Blessed Mothers' Day

God has given us mothers to carry, raise, teach, and mold us into godly people. Of course, no mother is perfect, and not everyone grows up with a loving mother. But every mother out there — from the one who feels she was born to be a mom to the one who struggles with the responsibility — deserves respect for the role God has given her. It is a role that reflects God's love in a deeply profound way.

Join the Saint Ambrose family in praying a novena for all our mothers. Their names have been lovingly and prayerfully submitted, and inscribed on the candles you see in church today. In church today is a half page with a suggested way

of praying the novena — a prayer in the morning, and a prayer in the evening.

Use these prayers however you choose. Or you may have other ways of praying that you prefer. In whatever way you choose, please join in nine days of prayer, knowing that the whole Saint Ambrose community is praying with you.

The novena starts today and concludes nine days from now.

Sunday, May 10
through
Monday, May 18



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 sustaining 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. That is followed by 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 TOWN HALL — NEXT SUNDAY

Since the beginning of March the Parish Mission Council has been soliciting your feedback about renewing and updating our parish mission statement. The current mission statement, which is prominently displayed in the church's vestibule, was signed by parishioners in the latter half of May 2018. Since it was adopted, many new parishioners have come; our various ministries are continually adapting in order to respond to current needs within our purview.

In addition to the opportunity for every person in the parish to offer input, 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 was discussed by the members of the Parish Mission Council at their meeting last Sunday; they shaped the statement into a form ready to present to our church community:

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church is devoted to living the gospel of Jesus Christ by embracing a life of love, kindness, and hospitality. We are a welcoming community where every person is valued. We worship God fervently, serve passionately, and witness to the transformative power of Christ.

Next Sunday 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 this new draft. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

Today marks the end of formal Sunday morning classes for the year. If you've walked through the parish offices on a Sunday morning, you certainly must have heard the joyful noise rising from downstairs as our youngest learned about God, about what we believe, how we pray, and our reasons for hope and grateful hearts. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and helpers!

*Maria Lucas
Terry Ann Ashby
Imani Attenoukon*

*Pert Toins-Banks
Sister Stephen
Billee Hardy*

STAND WITH IMMIGRANTS

Join BUILD at a city council hearing on the coming city budget to ensure Baltimore City prioritizes the top issues we heard from listening to immigrants and their loved ones: the need for **legal & mental health services**.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

If you can, arrive between 4:30 - 5pm to save seats. Otherwise arrive by 5:30 and join those who are already there. **Please wear your BUILD t-shirt.** We will also have new Spanish-language buttons.

Baltimore City Hall
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Register here:
tinyurl.com/Cityhall-May14

To stand with immigrants and to work against the draconian policies of our federal government, please sign your name to the cards available in church today. Notice, that in solidarity with undocumented immigrants, who may be uncomfortable providing their full names, only your first name is requested. The cards — with others from all over the city — will be delivered to the city council on Thursday this week.

MID-WEEK MOMENT OF REST

With the weather warming and the light in the sky lasting into the evening hours, now is a perfect time to rekindle the practice of taking an hour and giving it to God in the middle of the week. Join us every Thursday evening:

Mass at 6:00 pm

The sacrament of reconciliation is available on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

Bible Study continues every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Saint Augustine Room. This week:

The Origins of the Gospels

MASS INTENTIONS

- 05/10: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/14: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/17: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/21: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/24: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/28: 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.



TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
03 May 2026 — online contributions	\$2,677.90
03 May 2026 — envelope contributions	\$3,740.00
Sunday collection total	\$6,417.90
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, APRIL 2026 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
Continuing Our Mission	\$1,530.60
Utility Fund	\$56.10
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$763.40
Easter	\$1,582.40
Easter flowers	\$50.00
Online donations through archdiocesan portal	\$775.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



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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 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 66: 1 - 7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

GOSPEL

John 14: 15 - 21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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