

## Mission Statement

*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.*

### MASSES:

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

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



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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31 May 2026



*The Trinity, also called The Hospitality of Abraham, is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century. It is his most famous work. The Trinity depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18: 1–8), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility.*

*“Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I give you but one divinity and power, existing one in three, and containing the three in a distinct way. Divinity without disparity of substance or nature, without superior degree that raises up or inferior degree that casts down ... the infinite co-naturality of three infinities. Each person considered in himself is entirely God ... the three considered together ... I have not even begun to think of unity when the Trinity bathes me in its splendor. I have not even begun to think of the Trinity when unity grasps me.”*

Saint Gregory of Nazianzen  
4<sup>th</sup> century

### POPE LEO'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL

#### ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo has made no secret of the fact that the promise and the challenge of artificial intelligence has been on his mind. In his first encyclical (a letter from a pope containing authoritative teaching), Pope Leo addresses the church on AI's potential and considers its proper use and development in service of humanity. The full text is available at these codes:



Text in English



Text in Spanish

Archbishop Lori published a short commentary on the encyclical in the *Baltimore Sun* on Monday:

Also, a five-page summary of the document is available on the Welcome table.



### THE POPE APOLOGIZES

In the encyclical Pope Leo XIV made a historic apology for the role the Holy See itself played in legitimizing slavery and for having failed to condemn it for centuries. Past popes have apologized for Christians' involvement in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, but no pope has ever publicly acknowledged, much less apologized for, the role that past popes themselves played. History's first U.S.-born pope, whose family history includes both enslaved people and slave owners, delivered the apology in his encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Pope Leo raised the trans-Atlantic slave trade in relation to what he called the new forms of slavery and colonialism that the digital revolution is fueling. In doing so, he responded to decades of calls by Black American Catholics, activists and scholars for the Holy See to atone for its own role in the colonial-era trade in human beings.

*"It is impossible not to feel deep sorrow when contemplating the immense suffering and humiliation endured by so many in stark contrast to their immeasurable dignity as persons infinitely loved by the Lord,"* Leo wrote. *"For this, in the name of the Church, I sincerely ask for pardon."*

### ONE NATION UNDER GOD

*"In honor of America's 250<sup>th</sup> year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will carry the theme One Nation Under God. One Nation Under God is not a slogan — it's an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It's a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one person at a time. As pilgrims on this route, we walk with Christ so that His love might draw our nation back to Him. You're invited to join, in person or in spirit, and offer prayers and sacrifices for the renewal of America."*

The pilgrimage is coming to the Archdiocese of Baltimore from June 9 - 11. Free events are planned, including Mass and processions, tours of the country's first cathedral, a retreat and adoration in Carroll Gardens.

The pilgrimage route has been named the *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Route* in honor of the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. It covers 2000 miles from Florida to Maine to Pennsylvania, ending in Philadelphia over Independence Day weekend. For more information, visit [EucharisticPilgrimage.org](http://EucharisticPilgrimage.org). You can register for local events at [ArchBalt.org](http://ArchBalt.org).

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

03 - 11 June 2026

Leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the bishops of the United States have called for a novena, nine days of prayer. Following the novena, at the conclusion of their biannual meeting, the bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join the bishops in prayer. Each day, you may use the prayer provided in this bulletin; a more extensive series of prayers is provided in booklet format at the Welcome table, including a few copies in large print. If the supply runs short, we can easily print more booklets.

### MASS ON THE GRASS

WEEKEND

14 - 16 August

Friday - Sunday

Save the dates!

**SIGNING THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our newly-promulgated mission statement is the fruit of a parish-wide collaborative effort. It is shaped by the people of our parish. It is faithful to the Gospel of Jesus. It is a standard worthy of our aspirations. This weekend is the last chance to sign your name to the matting that will surround the statement itself. The frame will enshrine our commitment to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus for all to see. Please add your name today.

It will be proudly displayed in the church’s vestibule in the same spot where the previous version has been hanging since Pentecost 2018. The older statement will be preserved and hung in the Saint Augustine Room to witness to the dedication of members of our parish and a tribute to our posterity.

The parish mission council will be working with the leaders of parish organizations to develop ways to make sure that the mission statement is a useful benchmark in discerning the things we do and the ways we do them.

**2026 GRADUATES**

Our celebration to honor our graduates this year is the last Sunday of June. Please note that the invitation to participate is for graduates who are members of Saint Ambrose Church. So that we can be sure to recognize all of our graduates on June 28<sup>th</sup>, please sign up by June 14<sup>th</sup>. There are two ways:

- use this QR code and complete the form;
- use the paper form at the Welcome table in church.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 05/31: Valerie Cole-James on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving family;
- 06/04: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 06/07: Elbert W. Gross on the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing, requested by his daughter Patricia E. Shorter;
- 06/11: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 06/14: Tyrone Stephens on the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Reva Stephens;
- 06/18: 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.*

**FATHER’S DAY IS JUNE 21**

*Sunday, June 21 - Monday, June 29*

The current envelope packet includes a remembrance for fathers after the pattern of the Mother’s Day remembrance. Please use the envelope the same way. We will light candles in honor or remembrance of fathers and pray a novena for them. An online portal has been established through our website. A prayer for the nine days will be provided at the beginning of the novena.

**TITHES AND COLLECTIONS**

<i>24 May 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$1,486.50
<i>24 May 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,455.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$3,941.50</b>
<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.            | Brenda Williams            |
| Michael Bruce           | Eric Frazier     | Ernest Livers            | Archie Stith                | William Young, Sr.         |
| Renee Bruce             | Sarah Gamble     | Charles Manns, III       | Rosalita Stone              | Alice Zaborowski           |
| Al Butler               | JoAnn Glenn      | Kimberly Merrill         | Gloria Tate                 |                            |
| Debbie Chase            | Karen Gross      | Danielle Owens           | Ernest Thames               |                            |

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31 May 2026

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 34: 4b - 6, 8 - 9*

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Daniel 3: 52 - 55*

### Glory and praise for ever.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
and blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your  
throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and  
exalted above all forever.

## SECOND READING

*2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13*

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## GOSPEL

*John 3: 16 - 18*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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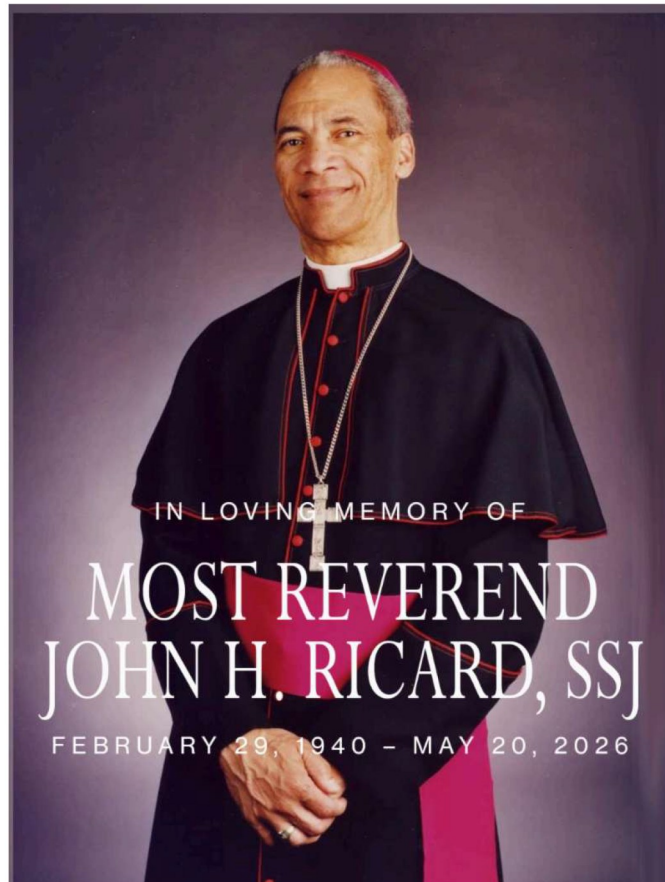
## PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops  
Consecrating the United States of America  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Funeral liturgies for Bishop John Ricard will be livestreamed.  
The information is below.



MASS OF TRANSFERRAL: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1600 MORRIS ROAD SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20020  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026  
VISITATION: 10:00 A.M.  
MASS: 11:00 A.M.

LIVESTREAM: [youtube.com/@OurLadyofPerpetualHelpSEDC](https://www.youtube.com/@OurLadyofPerpetualHelpSEDC)  
or [facebook.com/OurLady.ofPerpetualHelp.DC?mibextid=ZbWKwL](https://www.facebook.com/OurLady.ofPerpetualHelp.DC?mibextid=ZbWKwL)

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART  
1212 E MORENO STREET, PENSACOLA, FL 32503  
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026  
VISITATION: 10:00 A.M.  
MASS: 11:00 A.M.

LIVESTREAM: [ptdiocese.org/funeral](https://ptdiocese.org/funeral)  
VISIT THE WEBSITE: <https://ptdiocese.org/>





# Introductory to **HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE** **TRAINING**

**June 13, 2026 | 8:30am – 12:30pm**

**Saint Ambrose RC Church / Zoom Meeting ID: 82172388343 Passcode: nOYw7n**

## *About the Training*

Join us for an informative training designed to equip health care professionals, caregivers, community advocates, and volunteers with essential skills in hospice and palliative care. Learn how to provide comfort, dignity, and support to individuals facing life-limiting illness, while also supporting the families and loved ones.

### **What You'll Learn:**

- Principles of hospice and palliative care
- Pain and symptom management basics
- Communication with patients and families
- Emotional, spiritual, and cultural support
- End-of-life care planning and ethics
- Caregiver self-care and resilience
- Understanding military culture at End-of-Life

### **Who Should Attend:**

- Health care professionals
- Counselors
- Caregivers and family members
- Volunteers and community advocates
- Anyone interested in compassionate care at End of Life

### **Facilitators**

- **Barbra A. Swann, CAVS, MS, Gerontology**
- **Michelle Sheldon-Rubio, RN, BSN, CDCES, CSD**  
Pastoral, Palliative and Hospice Care

**Spaces are limited – reserve your spot today!**

**For questions or to register:**

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