

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.

MASSSES:

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

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



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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 June 2026

PRAY FOR OUR NATION

A Message from Archbishop William E. Lori

"In a matter of months, the United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary. Many celebrations will take place throughout the breadth and length of our land: flag displays, parades, speeches, fireworks, picnics, and much more. But it will also be a moment for us to unite in prayer as a nation for our nation. Surely, we will pray for peace and prosperity. Surely, we will pray that our nation will long endure. Surely, we will pray that our country will live up to its noblest ideals.

"If our prayer is sincere, God will hold up a mirror before our eyes. The Lord will allow us to see ourselves as we really are – with our strengths and weaknesses, our virtues and vices. In sustained prayer, we will absorb God's wisdom as we discern what we must do in the years ahead to preserve, protect, and defend the republic we have inherited, with its Constitution, its laws, and its guaranteed rights and freedoms."

Please follow the link or scan the QR code to unite in prayer with others across the archdiocese. You may submit a prayer intention and join the archdiocese's prayer ministry.

<https://www.archbalt.org/pray/>



THE POPE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity), “On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence,” is Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, addressing human dignity and the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence. This encyclical invites us to consider the profound impacts that rapid technological advancement has on human work, social relations, and the common good of all people.

In light of critiques that the Catholic Church shouldn’t have a position on A.I., a Catholic journalist responded briefly and poignantly:

“Who else on the world stage has studied the moral questions surrounding A.I., is independent of moneyed interests and is offering a document that views the topic from a spiritual point of view — gratis? The parallel here is with Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudato Si,’ which took what was previously seen primarily as a political and scientific issue — climate change — and reframed it as a spiritual one. ‘Magnifica Humanitas’ takes A.I., previously seen as a political and technical issue, and reminds us that it is also a spiritual one.”

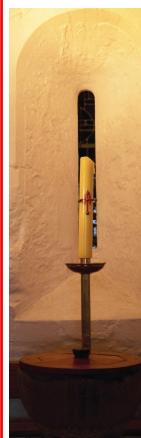
Pope Leo’s letter is vastly important in ways we may not be able to imagine yet. Beyond specific teaching regarding the development of A.I., the document articulates anew long-standing principles which any Christian can use in discerning current situations in our society. The document is worth studying.

If you would like to be part of a group study of the document, please use this QR code to express your interest. Father David is planning a series of five discussions, to be held in person on Saturdays this summer.



Bible Study
Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

AT HOME WITH THE LORD



Early in the morning on Thursday June 4th, Mr. Alphonsus Butler of our parish passed over into the loving arms of Jesus. May our merciful Lord hold him and welcome him to the feast of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The funeral Mass will be here in our church on Tuesday, June 16th at 11:00 am. Arrangements are being handled by the Derrick C. Jones Funeral Home, 4611 Park Heights Avenue with visitation on Monday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

ON BECOMING CATHOLIC



Across the entire archdiocese 1280 people became full members of the Catholic Church the night of April 4th at the

Easter Vigil. Seven individuals did so right here. Our church is vibrant and growing!

Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of our church but may need a little encouragement? Invite them to come to church with you. A personal invitation is a powerful way to help fan the flame of faith in another person’s heart. Also, Father David, Sister Rita or Paula Cullings will be happy to speak to them.



A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Our church choir is singing as part of the celebration on Wednesday, June 17th in the afternoon at 4405 Park Heights Avenue. That’s on our street between Wylie Avenue and West Cold Spring Lane. A flyer is on the Welcome table. The leadership of Dominion Community Development Corporation is being very helpful to us in making plans for the future use of our school building. If you can, a show of support for this event will go far in expressing our gratitude for all the help we are receiving.

2026 GRADUATES SIGN UP TODAY

Our celebration to honor our graduates this year is the last Sunday of this month. 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 28th, please sign up today. There are two ways:

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



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 remem-

brance of fathers and pray a novena for them. For other ways to submit names please go to the online giving tab on our website or scan this QR code. We'll begin the novena prayers on Father's Day.



FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT

All men of Saint Ambrose — young and not so young, whether you are a father or not — are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend this day of food, fellowship and fun. If you know men from other parishes you want to extend the invitation to, please do so.



MASS INTENTIONS

- 06/14: Tyrone Stephens on the 26th anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Reva Stephens;
 06/18: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 06/21: Stephanie K. Augins on the 14th anniversary of her passing, requested by her aunts Faye Augins and Shelley Tyler;
 06/25: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 06/28: Anita Cole on the 3rd anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving family;
 07/02: 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

07 June 2026 — online contributions	\$2,658.00
07 June 2026 — envelope contributions	\$2,959.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,617.00
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, MAY 2026 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
Continuing Our Mission	\$1,370.60
Utility Fund	\$56.10
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$165.10
Ascension	\$366.10
<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:

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

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FIRST READING

Exodus 19: 2 - 6a

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 100: 1 - 3, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING

Romans 5: 6 - 11

Brothers and sisters:

Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9: 36 - 10: 8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

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THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF FRIARS AT SAINT AMBROSE FRIARY

BROTHER CONNOR BANNON, O.F.M. CAP.



After three years of being part of our community here and teaching at Saint Frances Academy, Brother Connor has accepted an assignment in Pittsburgh. He will be the assistant director of the Port Evangelization Center at Saint Augustine Friary, the friars' motherhouse.

Brother Connor will be living in the motherhouse with several friars already well known around here; among them are: Father Paul, Father Bill Graham, Father Roman Kozacheson, and others. He begins his new ministry there on July 1st.

FATHER JOHN BAPTIST, O.F.M. CAP.



Father John Baptist will take up residence in our friary and begin a counseling ministry. He is also going to be available to help at local parishes and ministries when there is a need. He is finishing his doctoral studies at Saint Mary University in San Antonio, Texas; later this month he is scheduled for the formal defense of his dissertation.

Father John is a Capuchin friar and priest from the Custody of Prem Jyoti, Delhi, India. On the afternoon of June 29th he and another friar will begin the long drive across the country from San Antonio to Park Heights Avenue.

BROTHER CHARLIE CASCINO, O.F.M. CAP.



Brother Charlie has taken up residence in the friary for the summer; he arrived on June 1st. Today, however, is his first Sunday among us. He is doing a brief internship among us to keep him busy during the summer break and to learn something about ministry in a parish setting.

On July 22nd he will return to our house of studies in Washington, D.C. to prepare to begin his third year of theology studies.

BISHOP-ELECT EMILIO BIOSCA, O.F.M. CAP.



Our brother Emilio professed vows as a Capuchin in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. Over his years of ministry he served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea (11 years) and in Cuba (12 years). Since 2019 he has been the pastor of Sacred Heart Shrine in Washington, D.C.

On July 11th he will be ordained a bishop and installed as the third bishop of the Diocese of Venice, Florida. We who have known Emilio as a brother since 1988 know him to be a friar who will bring to the service of the Church in Venice thoughtful wisdom and a faith-filled disposition.

FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT



**Saturday, June 20, 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM**



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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

— MINISTRY —

≡ *Happy* ≡
FATHER'S DAY!

HONORING DADS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

BAKE SALE

• SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2026 •

Thank you for
supporting our
ministry and helping
us serve those
in need.



Baked with love
— ♥ —
**FOR OUR DADS
AND OUR COMMUNITY**

FAITH • SERVICE • CHARITY • LOVE



Buffalo Soldiers in Texas to Enforce Emancipation – June 19, 1865



The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863

Find Juneteenth Events Near You

The Powerful History of Juneteenth: Why We Celebrate Freedom on June 19th Every Year

A Messy Classroom Presentation

Discover the powerful history and lasting legacy of Juneteenth, a holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States. This video explores the origins of Juneteenth in 1865, the role of General Granger in Galveston, Texas, and how formerly enslaved people began celebrating freedom in meaningful ways. Learn how Juneteenth became a national holiday, what it symbolizes, how it's celebrated today, and fun facts about the holiday's traditions, symbols, and food. Perfect for those creating educational content, leading thoughtful discussions, or looking to deepen their knowledge of American history. This comprehensive breakdown is filled with historical facts, cultural significance, and ways to honor the meaning of June 19th.

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*Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.,
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the
Archdiocese of Washington; Chair of
the subcommittee on African American
Affairs.*

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Juneteenth: A Pastoral Reflection on Racial Justice

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim liberty to captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to let the
oppressed go free" - Luke 4:18*



As we approach the observance of Juneteenth, We find ourselves reflecting on its history, its enduring significance, and why this observance speaks to my heart as Shepherds of the Church. As we commemorate Juneteenth, what we are celebrating is an opportunity to remember and to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial justice. As Catholics, we can share the light of our commitment to all human dignity.

Most Rev. Daniel E. Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Austin; Chair of the subcommittee on Racial Justice and Healing

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Peace Cannot Exist Apart from Justice: A Racial Justice Reflection on Magnifica Humanitas

“Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together” (Magnifica Humanitas, no.1)

In Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo XIV calls the entire human family to “love justice and peace” (MH, no. 240). Reading this encyclical through the lens of racial justice, we are moved to reflect on both the urgency and the hope embedded in the Holy Father’s words. As a Shepherds of the Church in the United States, and as Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion of Racial Justice and Reconciliation, and the Subcommittee on African American Affairs, we feel a deep pastoral responsibility to continue lifting up the call to justice within both our Church and our society.

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Bishop Braxton's Statement on Paragraph 176 of Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical Asks Forgiveness for the Catholic Church's Approval of the Enslavement of African People

By His Excellency Edward K. Braxton

Paragraph 176 tucked into the text of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas," (Magnificent Humanity), asks forgiveness for the Catholic Church's approval of the enslavement of African People. Those who only skim papal documents could easily skim past the paragraph without grasping its landmark significance.

In the midst of his timely, extensive reflections on Artificial Intelligence and its potential for the good of humanity and its potential to bring about new forms of slavery, the pontiff formally apologizes for and, more importantly, asks forgiveness for the institutional Catholic Church's official approval of human slavery. This involved transporting of as many as 12 million chained free West African human beings in the Middle Passage across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas in subhuman conditions. They served as "beast of burden" on the plantations that created wealth for the landowners and disenfranchised a whole community of people with negative consequences lingering to modern times. (See Edward E. Baptist, [The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism.](#))



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