

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 August 2026

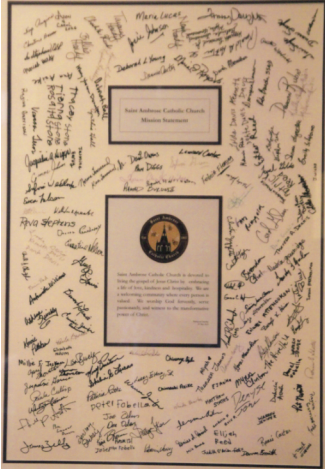
Welcome

to the final day of Mass on the Grass weekend.

If you are here as our guest, it is our pleasure to welcome you.

We thank you for worshiping with us and we hope that after Mass you will join us for a little food and something to drink. We hope to greet you personally, shake your hand, and get to know your name. Welcome to Saint Ambrose Church and this celebration of God's goodness and grace.

PARISH MISSION COUNCIL RETREAT DAY



Next Saturday, August 22nd, the members of the Parish Mission Council have set aside several hours in the middle of the day to step aside for some prayerful reflection and conversation.

The day is part of the parish's work to make our mission statement a living document that shapes the things we do and how we

do them. Then, on September 19th, those who have leadership roles in the various parish ministries will do the same thing. After that, a third day following the same format will be held on Saturday, October 24th, for everyone in the parish involved in any of our organizations and ministries, or otherwise interested in helping build a strong parish. More information about these gatherings will be announced as the dates approach. For now, save the dates on your calendar.

The members of the mission council are:

<i>Tierra Stone</i>	<i>Dennis Carter</i>
<i>Brian Reed</i>	<i>Trina Jones-Brown</i>
<i>Deacon Rubio</i>	<i>Serge Attenoukon</i>
<i>Deacon Presberry</i>	<i>Father David</i>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The three class groupings we had last year will continue and move into the second year of sacramental preparation:

First Communion
Confirmation (younger students)
Confirmation (older students)

Any students eligible to begin sacramental preparation may join any of these classes as first year students. The first day of class is Sunday, September 13th. A registration form has been prepared and is available online here:

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-program>



An organizational meeting of parents and guardians will take place after Mass on Sunday, August 30th.

MAY SHE REST IN GOD'S ARMS



Peggy Johnson of our parish passed away on July 30th. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday of this week at 10:00 am.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 5:00 - 8:00 at the Wylie Funeral Home on Liberty Avenue in Randallstown.

May God receive her, and all our departed loved ones, into his arms of mercy.

Magnifica Humanitas

*On Safeguarding the Human Person
 in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

TWO UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The fifth and final session studying Pope Leo's encyclical will take place on Saturday, August 29th. The presentation and conversation will focus on Chapter 5 and the conclusion: "*The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love.*"

Saturday, 12:00 noon
29 August
Saint Augustine Room

Additionally, all are invited to a live Zoom presentation from *America Media* on the core issues, public response, and overall impact of the encyclical nearly three months after its publishing. The presenters are professional journalists, professors and theologians.

We will sign in to the event at 6:30 pm in the Saint Augustine Room on Wednesday this week. The Bible Study group decided to suspend their study of the *Letter to the Romans* that evening in order to participate in this presentation.

Wednesday, 6:30 pm
19 August
Saint Augustine Room



Classes begin soon. Invite someone you know to consider exploring our Catholic faith.

HOW TO MAKE A RETREAT DURING DAILY LIFE

Have you been wanting to go on retreat, but cannot set aside the time to go away for several consecutive days? Saint Ignatius of Loyola created a special format for busy persons which requires daily prayer at a regular time in the person's home and weekly meetings with the retreat director over a period of nine months. For those living at a distance from the retreat director, modern technology makes it possible for the weekly meeting to take place over Zoom.

Over the centuries since the death of Saint Ignatius this special way of doing the Exercises has come to be known as the "19th Annotation" form. Father Gregory Chisholm wrote, "This last year I was particularly in awe of how God worked in the lives of those I accompanied through the 19th Annotation format of the Spiritual Exercises."

An outreach program at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore makes it possible for those interested in the 19th Annotation to be paired with a retreat director. This special offering of the Spiritual Exercises will be run from September 2026 to May 2027. Please see the flyer on the Welcome table which describes the program offered for men and women, laity and clergy and religious in Baltimore. The flyer contains links which persons can use to take advantage of this opportunity.

COLOMBIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

A devastating earthquake has left many families in Colombia in urgent need of assistance. Please keep those who have lost their lives and all affected in your prayers and consider supporting relief efforts:

**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
E-Otree Allen
Phillip Ashton
Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe
Jean Bennett
Parrish Boyd
Karen Brown-Berkley
Michael Bruce
Renee Bruce
Debbie Chase
Denise Bannon
Louis Cooper

Linda Davis
Kenneth Davis
Dante Davis
Dale Dyson
Earlene Forrest
William Ford III
Eric Frazier
Sarah Gamble
JoAnn Glenn
Karen Gross
Gloria B. Harris
Betty Jones

Angela Johnson
Cornell (Nelson) Johnson
Josie Johnson
Joseph Jones
Lydia Lashley
Sheila Leary-Smith
Ernest Livers
Charles Manns, III
Kimberly Merrill
Danielle Owens
Brenda Richardson
Charles Richardson Williams

Corey Richardson
Carl & Bernice Shrieves
Patricia Simms
Danielle Singley
Bryan Smith
Daniel Smith Sr.
Archie Stith
Rosalita Stone
Gloria Tate
Ernest Thames
Jean Thomas
Vernon Thornton

Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
Tammy Vaughn
Rosalie Watkins
Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Yvonne Wilder
Brenda Williams
William Young, Sr.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

08/16:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
08/20:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
08/23:	Ella Thornton on the 7 th anniversary of her passing, requested by her husband, Vernon, and her daughter, April
08/27:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
08/30:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/03:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
<i>Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</i>	

GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM

Last weekend, a total of 431 firearms – including 108 revolvers, 124 semi- and fully-automatic weapons and 199 rifles and shotguns were collected at the archdiocese's fourth annual gun buyback. Since its start in 2023, a total of 1,487 firearms have been collected by the Baltimore Police Department. If you participated – your brothers and sisters here thank you.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>09 August 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$1,467.00
<i>09 August 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$3,201.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,668.00
<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.

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16 August 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
ministering to him,
loving the name of the LORD,
and becoming his servants —
all who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

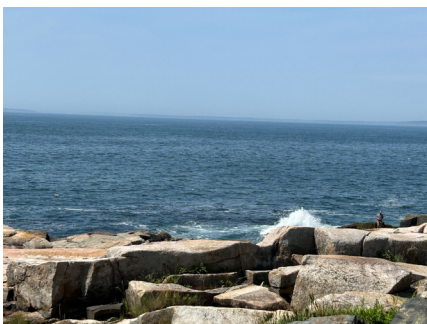
Psalm 67: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his
face shine upon us. So may your way be known
upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the
peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you
guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the
peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all
the ends of the earth fear him!



SECOND READING

Romans 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the
apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order
to make my race jealous and thus save some of them.
For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,
what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just
as you once disobeyed God but have now received
mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now
disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown
to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God
delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy
upon all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and
Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that
district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord,
Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a
demon.” But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.
Jesus’ disciples came and asked him, “Send her away,
for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I
was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to
take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”
She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the
scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then
Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your
faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the
woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.

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♦ presents ♦



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Where Faith, Family & Community
Prepare The Next Generation!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Park Heights Community Health Alliance
4151 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

**SCAN BELOW
TO REGISTER:**



FREE Food and Refreshments
FREE School Supplies Giveaway
FREE Family Friendly Entertainment
FREE Haircuts and Hairstyles, Space Limited
Wraparound Support Services Resource Fair

