

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 3
8:00AM Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, December 4
8:00AM Judy Mendez
Wednesday, December 5
8:00AM Angie Boethel
7:00PM (Spanish) Tony Kujawa
Thursday, December 6
8:00AM Tammy Babineck
Friday, December 7
8:00AM Mary Miller

**Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
Friday, 7:00PM (Spanish) Souls In Purgatory**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 8
8:00AM(English) Pauline Morin
12:00Noon (English) Souls in Purgatory**

The Immaculate Conception is a Roman Catholic dogma that asserts that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was preserved by God from the stain of original sin at the time of her conception. Specifically, the dogma says Mary was not afflicted by the lack of sanctifying grace that distresses humankind, but was instead filled with grace by God, and furthermore lived a life completely free from sin.

Saturday, December 8
5:00PM (English) For the Deceased Members of
the Bilski Family
Sunday, December 9
8:00AM Connie Bienek
10:00AM Toni Cali
12:00Noon (Spanish) Francisco Barragan
5:00PM (English) Souls In Purgatory

REMINDER



PENANCE SERVICE

**will be held on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00PM.
Please make plans to attend.**



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Jerome (Jerry) Kalisek, brother of Elsie Walla; and, Rosemary Mummey, mother of Lori Woods. Pray that God grant peace and comfort to their loved ones.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—
DECEMBER 8 AND 9, 2018**

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS. A PARISHIONER WRITES, “As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who make a difference in so many lives.

Each year, distributions from the RFR provide hundreds of religious communities with financial assistance to help meet the day-to-day needs of aging members. A portion of donations also supports retirement planning and furnishes targeted assistance for religious communities with the greatest needs.

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes – often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more.

Many of you face financial difficulties. Simply give what you can and may God bless you.



**Readings for the Week of
December 2, 2018**

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Saint Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Saint Francis Xavier, priest Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Saint John of Damascus, priest, doctor Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-36; Ps 147; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 Ps 95; Lk 21:34-36

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – ADVENT TREE

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gifts for children and seniors. Please remember them when you are out shopping this week. Some suggestions are: Large Print/Adult Coloring Books, Calendars, Puzzles, Pillows, Flashlights, Lanyards, and Compression/Non-slip Socks. The Advent Tree is in the narthex. Please return your gifts by December 16. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LET US PRAY

Please remember the following who have asked for our prayers: Alcidiades Angleas, Gerry Barbeau, Gaby Beckstrom, Maria Bedoya, Laverne Bonora, Jesus Calvillo Jr., Marie Campos, Clay Cameron, James Duplessis, Jose Carmen Eguia, Juan Pedro Eguia, Pederwsdei Enguia, Paul Farek, Carroll Gohmert, John Culver, John Culver, Russell Forrest, Albina Diehl, Carolyn Gonzalez, Antoine Hicks, Henry Kopycinski,, Bernie Lenahan, Jose Adolfo Loredo, Robert McCullough,Jr., Jack Moore, Richerd Palumbo, Peter and Nina Peropoulous, Frank Petronella, Ora Nell Petrash, Jimmy Richard, Margaret Richardson, Araceli Rocha, Anthony Ruffino, Sr., Kimberly Ruffino, Sammy Romano, Sophia Romano, David Russell, Landon Seeberger, Marie Seeberger, Theodore and Joan Thoede, Nathan Thompson, Donald Weaver, Mary Williams, Brian Wisnoski, Mary Ann Wooten, and David Zaborow.



Let us pray for all those who have given their life for our freedom and for those who are serving in our military at home and abroad and especially the following: Victor J. Broussard, Peter Zachary Carroll, Samuel Castillo, Brandon Cook, Matthew Cook, Master Sgt., Dean Crawford, Robert Freedman, Olivia Garza, Matthew Grissom, Timothy Groh, Lee Anthony Guerrero, Andrew S. Gutierrez, Christopher Hernandez, Lucas Hernandez, Matthew Hernandez, Mia Hernandez, Sean Dietrich Hrcir, Samuel Dylan Hrcir, Captain Mary Hrynyk, Captain Jason Hrynyk, Anthony Handy, Ivan Ibabao, Elizabeth Grassmann Ibabao, Robert Marquez, Jr., Captain Andrew Locke, Daniel Martinez, Captain Jonathan Reed, Casey Rogers, and Daniel Salinas.

ADVENT IS HERE!

A selection of Advent prayer books is available in the narthex:
The selection is

**OPEN YOUR HEART,
JESUS THE SAVIOR AMONG US,
FOLLOW THE STAR FOR CATHOLIC SENIORS.**

A daily reflection book can help us prepare spiritually for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. It is so easy to get caught up in the external planning for the holiday.

Your donation for the Prayer Book is appreciated

FROM ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY – Help the Mission of CCSF-Enroll today! Catholic Clerical Student Fund is a spiritual enrollment prayer card, donation of \$3 for small prayer card, and \$5-\$25 for the larger prayer card. To continue the mission of the CCSF, the continued enrollment of friends, relatives and clergy, both living and deceased, is encouraged. **The Altar Society has the Spiritual Cards available in both English and Spanish in the church office or you may contact Reggie Fike at [rmfike@yahoo.com.!](mailto:rmfike@yahoo.com.)**

BINGO will be held in the auditorium at 7:15PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. We will be calling one (1) Bonus Ball Number.

GIFTS FOR GOD

(NOVEMBER 25, 2018)

Envelopes	\$6,703.00
Loose	\$4,642.50
Mail Ins	\$2,347.17
On Line	\$ 410.00
Total	\$14,102.67

WE GRIEVE

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SUPPORT GROUPS ARE PLACES OF:

UNDERSTANDING- To know that others "JUST LIKE ME" have been there too and have survived.

ACCEPTANCE – to be encouraged to share your story in a safe place among peers who have a very similar story

SAFETY – confidentiality in asking for and receiving help. To share pain, fears, frustrations and hopes.

GROWTH - to tolerate unanswerable questions and to learn new and effective coping strategies,

HOPE – to find God in the midst of our recovery, and in the presence of brothers and sisters in our shared Catholic Christian faith.

If you would like to know more about the Bereavement Support Group, please call Sr. Charline at 713-682-2242 or 713-858-1613 if you are interested or plan to come.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – The Sacrament of Reconciliation is every Saturday from 3:30PM until 4:30PM.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS are invited to meet on Sunday, December 2, at Demeris, 1702 West Loop North. at 2:00pm. On Sunday, December 9, we will meet at La Hacienda Escondida, 1431 W. 26th Street. For more information call Sr. Charline or just show up.

GOLDEN YOUTH will meet in the cafeteria on Sunday, December 16, at 2:00PM. All those age 55 and older are invited to attend.

FROM THE CHANCERY

In a continuing effort to provide pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel, Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo would like to remind the faithful of the Archdiocese of the availability of the Victims Assistance Coordinator. "Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Sr. Maureen O'Connell, OP at 713-654-5799".

Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse and all who suffer in any way.



Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose,

Thank you for the wonderful celebration for our 50th Jubilee.

The Mass, the music, the mariachis, the reception, and the thoughts and prayers and remembrances of the day made for a glorious jubilee.

We are grateful to each of you for adding to our joy

God Bless You,

Sister Barbara and
Sister Charline

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A Special Thank you to: Altar Society, Men's Club, Golden Youth, Catholic Daughters, and the Christian Family Movement with the Jubilee reception for Sr. Charline and Sr. Barbara.

It was as joyous occasion and a beautiful display of our appreciation for our beloved Sisters.

Thank you Sr. Charline and Sr. Barbara for your years of joyful service.

Michelle Thompson

ALSO, A THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - St. Vincent de Paul received \$2,900 for the Black Bag collection on November 11. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul also provided Thanksgiving dinners for 19 needy! Thanks for all who donated gift cards and especially the St. Ambrose School Beta Club who collected nonperishable foods!!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AND 23 IN
THE Narthex and in Room A.**

Before and after the Masses
Items for sale will be angels, Christmas wreaths,
ornaments and decorations,
Baby items, crocheted and knitted items, jewelry,
snowmen, table linens, and more

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SISTER CHARLINE
AT 713-858-1613.**

St. Ambrose Catholic Church – BSA

Overview

St. Ambrose Catholic Church is the sponsor organization for two (2) Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Units; the Cub Scout Pack (Pack 540) and the Boy Scout Troop (Troop 540). A boy may become a member of the BSA at any time during the year. Cub Scouts are boys in 1st - 5th grade for this current school year (2017-2018) and Boy Scouts are ages 11-18. By joining during either the Spring or Fall seasons, new Cub Scouts can grow at the same pace as established Scouts. Parents' involvement is essential for the success of their son as well as the Unit. The Troop here at St. Ambrose was established in 1964 and the Cub Scout Pack became a Unit in 1976. Throughout all of these years of service, our Scouts have helped and completed many projects for our parish, school, and surrounding community. Many Eagle Scout projects have been completed on the St. Ambrose property as well. We, the volunteer Scout leaders, are very proud of our Scouts and we hope that you also value their service in representing our St. Ambrose community. Please continue to pray for and support all who are involved with the Scouting program here at St. Ambrose as well as around the world. **If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact either of the Scout leaders listed below.**

Cub Scouts - Cubmaster Adina Akin at (713) 869-5676 or via email at arakin95@sbcglobal.net

Boy Scouts - Scout Master Gilbert Guerrero at (713) 582-3611 or via email at gilbertjg@sbcglobal.net

BSA information - visit www.BeAScout.org and www.samhoustonbsa.org

Domingo, 2 de Diciembre, 2018**Ler. Domingo de Adviento Ciclo C**

Este primer domingo de adviento sirve de puente entre el tiempo ordinario y el tiempo de adviento. El tiempo ordinario termina reflexionando sobre la segunda venida de Jesús, sobre los acontecimientos del fin de los tiempos. También el primer domingo del adviento se inaugura con ese mismo tema, y nos va a introducir en el tiempo de la espera y de la esperanza, el tiempo de adviento.

El texto del evangelio de hoy es un texto difícil: la liberación llega. En los versículos anteriores Lucas nos hablaba del asedio a Jerusalén (21,20-23). Ahora, alude a la segunda venida de Jesús: es decir a lo que llamamos la parusía. El discurso de Jesús es apocalíptico y adaptado a la cultura de su tiempo (apocalipsis no significa catástrofe, como tendemos a pensar, sino revelación), y nosotros tenemos que releer esas señales del mundo natural en el mundo de la historia, que es el lugar en que el Espíritu se manifiesta. La segunda venida del Señor revelará la historia a sí misma. La verdad que estaba oculta aparecerá a plena luz. Todos llegaremos a conocernos mejor (1Cor 13,12b).

En nosotros existe la angustia, el miedo y el espanto, no causados por "las señales en el sol, la luna y las estrellas". Nuestras angustias e inseguridades están causadas más bien por las crisis económicas, por los conflictos sociales, por el abuso del poder, por la falta de pan y trabajo, por la frustración... de tantas estructuras injustas, que sólo podrán ser removidas por la llegada del amor de Dios y su justicia al corazón de los seres humanos.

El mensaje de Jesús no nos evita los problemas y la inseguridad, sólo trata de enseñarnos a afrontarlos. El discípulo de Jesús tiene las mismas causas de angustia que el no creyente; pero ser cristiano consiste en una actitud y en una reacción diferente: lo propio de la esperanza que mantiene nuestra fe en las promesas del Dios liberador y que nos permite descubrir el paso de ese Dios en el drama de la historia. La actitud de vigilancia a que nos lleva el adviento es estar alerta a descubrir el "Cristo que viene" en las situaciones actuales, y a afrontarlas como proceso necesario de una liberación total que pasa por la cruz.

Por eso el Evangelio nos llama a "estar alerta", a tener el corazón libre de los vicios y de los ídolos de la vida (la conversión), para hacernos dóciles al Espíritu de Cristo que habita las situaciones que vivimos en nuestro entorno. Nos llama a "estar despiertos y orando", porque este Espíritu se descubre con una Esperanza viva, punto de encuentro entre las promesas de la fe y los signos precarios que hoy envuelven esas promesas. La esperanza es una memoria que tiende a olvidarse, se nutre con la oración, nos adhiere a las promesas de la fe y nos inspira, cada día, la búsqueda de sus huellas en las señales del tiempo. La Esperanza cristiana se hace por nuestra entrega a trabajar para que las promesas se verifiquen en nuestras vidas.

El adviento es tiempo de preparación de espera. Jesús cumplió las promesas del Antiguo Testamento con su vida y predicación. No esperamos su nuevo nacimiento. Esperamos que él vuelva a juzgar la creación. Es ese

momento el que esperamos, y para ese momento en que creemos que la justicia, que la igualdad, que la solidaridad se impondrán.

Con la colaboración de Servicio Bíblico Latinoamericano

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

Viernes, 7 de Diciembre

7:00 p.m. Español

Sábado, 8 de Diciembre

8:00 a.m., y 12:00 mediodía Ingles

Horario de Servicios

Lunes a Sábado

8:00 a.m. Misa en Ingles

Miércoles

7:00 p.m. Misa en Español

1er. Viernes

7:00 p.m. Misa en Español

Sábado

5:00 p.m. Misa en Ingles

Domingo

8:00 y 10:00 a.m. Misa en Ingles

12:00 p.m. Misa en Español

5:00 p.m. 1er y 3er Español

2do y 4to Ingles

Miércoles y 1er.Viernes del Mes

Exposición del Santísimo 8:30 a.m. a 6:45 p.m.

Rosario en Español 10:00 a.m.

Oración de la Divina Misericordia 3:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Miércoles y 1er Viernes del mes 6:00 a 6:45 p.m.

Sábados 3:30 a 4:30 p.m.

Misa de Jóvenes



La misa es a las 5:00 p.m.

1er y 3er domingo en español

2do y 4to domingo en Ingles

5to domingo del mes será bilingüe



CONFESIONES

Nuestro servicio penitencial de adviento será el
Martes 4 de Diciembre a las 7:00 P.M.

Haga planes para reconciliarse con Dios, con la Iglesia y con todos por medio del Sacramento del Perdón y Sanación Espiritual.



Te invitamos a rezar el Santo Rosario en la iglesia cada domingo a las 11:30 a.m. para prepararnos a celebrar la Santa Eucaristía.

**Adoración ante el
Santísimo Sacramento**



Oración y meditación ante el Santísimo Sacramento son dos maneras de ofrecer a Dios. Usted puede pedir por sus necesidades o las de sus seres queridos, reflexionar en su palabra o solamente acompañarle. El realmente quiere verte.

La Exposición son todos los miércoles y el 1er Viernes del mes después de la misa de 8:00 a.m. a las 6:45 p.m. en la capilla seguido de la misa en español a las 7:00 p.m.



San Vicente de Paul recibió \$2,900 en la 2da. colecta de la Bolsa Negra el II de Noviembre, muchas gracias por su colaboración.

También agradecemos a todas las personas que donaron las tarjetas de regalo y muy especialmente al Club Beta de la Escuela de San Ambrosio por su ayuda con los artículos de comida no perecedera con su ayuda fue posible asistir a 19 familias en necesidad con la Cena de Acción de Gracias

Es tiempo de dar y recibir, tiempo de compartir nuestras bendiciones con los menos afortunados. San Vicente de Paul está recibiendo regalos para niños de bajos recursos y personas mayores. Favor de tomar una esfera de papel del árbol de Navidad que está en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y entregarla con sus regalos en la oficina antes del 12 de Diciembre. Gracias por su generosidad.



Reporte a la fecha del DSF 2018

Meta de la Parroquia	\$72,000.00
Cantidad pagada a la fecha:	\$69,470.50
Donaciones prometidas:	\$72,852.00
Número Total de Participantes:	275
Número Total de Miembros	1982
Promesa Promedio de participantes:	\$ 264.92
Porcentaje Pagado	96.49%

Gracias...

Agradecemos profundamente la celebración de nuestro 50 Aniversario de Vida Consagrada.

La Misa, la música, los mariachis, la recepción, sus oraciones, tarjetas y palabras hicieron para nosotros un momento inolvidable.

Estamos muy agradecidas por cada uno de ustedes por haberse unido a nuestra alegría.

Que Dios les bendiga,

Sr. Barbara Tovar

Sr. Charline Schlebach

BAUTIZOS



Los bautizos son el domingo empezando con la Misa de las 12:00 P.M

Las fechas de los bautizos son las siguientes:

16 de Diciembre

20 de Enero

17 de Febrero

17 de Marzo

Necesita llenar la forma de registro y entregarla con una copia del certificado de nacimiento del bebé. Los papás y los padrinos deben tomar las clases para bautizos.

Clases para bautizos:

Las clases para bautizos son el primero y segundo martes del mes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el salón A

Las siguientes clases para bautizos son:

Diciembre 4 y 11, 2018

Enero 8 y 15, 2019

Febrero 5 y 12, 2019

Marzo 5 y 12, 2019

**Celebraciones de la
Virgen de Guadalupe**

Martes 11 de Diciembre

Mañanitas a la Virgen

10:30 p.m. se abren a las puertas

10:45 p.m Matachines

11:30 p.m – 12:30 a.m

Rosario y Mañanitas



Miercoles 12 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. Procesión

Acompañados con Mariachis

7:00 p.m. Misa Solemne

Recepción después de la misa

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Anyone with an interest in Music or Singing is encouraged to join one of the choirs briefly outlined below.

For more information, please contact **Veronica Stevens, Music Director**, at 281-440-4445, or visit with her after any weekend Mass.

CHORALE, Saturday evening Mass at 5:00PM

Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

FAMILY CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 8:00AM

Contact Robert Korst at 713-688-0046

LITURGICAL CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 10:00AM

Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

SPANISH CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 12:00Noon

Contact Alpha Omega Cruz – 281-808-3430

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

PROGRAM - Register your Kroger Plus Card online today at www.Kroger.com. Once you create an account using your plus card number, select the savings and rewards program and enter St. Ambrose Altar Society. Every time you shop and use your plus card, St. Ambrose Altar Society will receive a % of the sale. It is that simple! You will also receive great weekly savings from Kroger.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults who have never been baptized

2. Persons baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic

3. Baptized Catholics who have not made their 1st Communion or their Confirmation

4 If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith.

**For more information call the R.E. office at
713-686-3857.**

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our LORD Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever Amen.

**ST. AMBROSE CHURCH
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

DECEMBER 2, 2018