

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

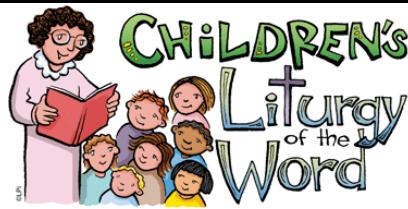
Monday, February 18
8:00AM Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, February 19
8:00AM Anton (Tony) Havel, Jr.
Wednesday, February 20
8:00AM William (Gordy) Gordon Thies
7:00PM (Spanish) Amando Dominguez and
Tiburcia Patino
Thursday, February 21
8:00AM Jackson Eng
Friday, February 22
8:00AM For All Unborn Children
Saturday, February 23
8:00AM Souls In Purgatory
5:00PM Agnes Dostalik
Sunday, February 24
8:00AM Shirley Camarata
10:00AM Catholic Life Insurance
12:00Noon (Spanish) Lidia Esparza
5:00PM (English) Toni Cali

LET US PRAY

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



Let us pray for all those 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 Hrncir, Samuel Dylan Hrncir, 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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children between the ages of 4-8 are dismissed from mass to hear the Sunday readings at their level, participate in activities that reinforce the Gospel message, and return to mass at the Preparation of the Gifts. This process is important for those younger members of our parishes to understand what God is calling them to. CLOW is held during the 10:00 a.m. Mass every 2nd & 4th Sunday. The next CLOW date will be February 24th. We look forward to celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with you and your children. All volunteers are CMG Safe Haven trained. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Madison Thompson at mthompson@sashornets.org

FROM ST. AMBROSE ALTAR SOCIETY

Help us fulfill 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. If you would like more information regarding these spiritual enrollment cards, please call Reggie Fike for more information.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION - ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, March 6th. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence throughout the entire church. Throughout the universal church, there are only two days of the year that we are required to observe abstinence and fasting, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In the United States, we are asked to abstain on all the Fridays during Lent.



Come and help us make Easter Baskets and other items for our Spring Sale. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1PM until 3PM in the auditorium. For more information call Sister Charline at 713-858-1613

UPCOMING COLLECTION

Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection - Each parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston does much to address the needs of the people who live within their area. However, there are many people whose needs cannot be met by the parish alone. For this reason the Archdiocese supports archdiocesan-wide social service agencies like Catholic Charities, San Jose Clinic and St. Vincent de Paul Society, to name a few.

This collection will take place at all Ash Wednesday Masses on March 6, and will be used to support the Archdiocesan Social Ministries. Begin the Season of Lent by recalling the needs of our neighbors and offering alms for their benefit. Please be as generous as you can and may God bless you.

**ST. AMBROSE YOUTH NEWS
STARRY NIGHT**

Starry Night will be held next Saturday, February 23, 2019. For more information please call the Religious Education Department at 713-686-3857.

PRE-LENTEN MISSION - The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, **corner of San Jacinto & Jefferson Streets**, will be holding a Pre-Lenten Mission the evenings of **February 18-20**, Monday through Wednesday at 7:00PM at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Center, 4th Floor, 1701 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002. **SPEAKER: Fr. Jude E. Ezuma, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Galveston, TX.** The theme of the Mission is: ***ABIDING IN CHRIST: The Source of Fruitful Discipleship.***

PAUL BROWN PRESENTING
February 20 - The Lost Books of the Bible
February 27 – The Bible
Room A
7:00PM -8:00PM
For more information call the Religious Education Department at 713-686-3857.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED --
Altar Linen Care Team

and pressing the corporals and purificators that are used each week during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The cleaning methods preserve the beauty and life of the linens. The guidelines and schedule will be provided in order to ensure that the linens are prepared with appropriate care. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry please contact the Church Office 713.686.3497. Thank you in advance.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING will be held on Monday, February 18, at 7:00PM in the auditorium. All men of the parish are invited to attend



**STOKE SCAN
EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IS HAVING A STROKE!**

Stroke Scan Plus will be at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church on Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, 2019 to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have **high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes**, or a family history of **heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers**? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. **Stroke Scan Plus** will be offering them to you for **\$139** for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on **March 2 & 3, 2019** or please call 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in/at the Classroom A & B. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.

GOLDEN YOUTH will meet today, Sunday, February 17, at 2:00PM in the cafeteria. All those 55 years and older are invited to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!! MARCH 29, 2019
4:00-8:00PM VISIT PARISH WEBSITE
WWW.STAMBROSEHOUSTON.ORG for more information

St. Ambrose Catholic Daughters

The Catholic Daughters meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the auditorium at 7:00PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Mildred Grahmann at 713-681-3186. She would be happy to answer any questions you may have. **Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 20.**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FUNDRAISER - Please join us for dinner and fellowship or get food to go on February 17 from 5:00PM to 10PM at Jason's Deli, 290 Feeder. If you mention that you are there for the Catholic Daughters when you order, we will get a portion of the proceeds. Thank you for supporting us as we support our parish and charities!

ATTENTION:

GOLDEN YOUTH TRIP

March 7, Thursday

Tour of Lanier Theological Library and Arbor Gate Nursery

Parishioners 50 years and older.

Join us on Thursday, March 7, as the Golden Youth Club of St. Ambrose will be taking a bus trip to visit Lanier Theological Library. We will leave St. Ambrose at 9:15 am. The tour starts in The Stone Chapel, where you learn all about the chapel and library and have time to ask questions. The Stone Chapel is a replica of a 500 A.D. Byzantine chapel. The chapel's ceilings feature scenes from the Bible painted by Texas artist Richard McCluskey. There is a short walk over to the library. This part of the tour is more self-guided as it is a working library, and we have to maintain a quiet environment by silencing cell phones and whispering. The Library has a capacity of over 100,000 volumes and specializes in Archeology, Biblical Studies, Church History, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Egyptology, Linguistics, and Theology.

Lunch will be dutch treat at Pecos Grilling Company in Tomball. Following lunch we will visit Arbor Gate Nursery. The Arbor Gate, way more than a garden center and plant nursery, is quite literally an inspired collection that includes unusual plants, artisan-created decorative pieces, and a constantly changing array of items that bring beauty, comfort, and even flavor to the home and garden. The Gate (as it's fondly called) is your entry to our symphony of color, fragrance, form, and function that can infuse your indoor and outdoor living spaces with personal warmth and beauty.

We should be back at St. Ambrose about 4:30 pm. The tour is limited to persons 50 years or older and bus seating. There is no charge for the tour, and your only cost will be your lunch.

Seniors interested in joining us on this unique trip, please contact Carol Herman at

713-688-6509 or email Carol at c.a.herman@comcast.net.



The St. Ambrose Altar Society

will have a **Spring Membership Drive** the weekend of **February 23rd & 24th**. Come visit us in the Narthex after all Masses. Corporate Communion for Altar Society members will be Sunday, February 24th at the 10am Mass.



Consider ONLINE GIVING- It's Fast, It's Simple, It's easy! Visit our St. Ambrose website at www.stambrosehouston.org >select the donations/payments tab >weekly offertory. You can set up payments with your credit card or bank ACH, for one time or recurring. Thank you.



BINGO will be held Tuesday, February 19, at 7:15PM in the auditorium. We will be calling three (3) Bonus Ball Numbers. Bring your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

PART TIME BOOKKEEPER- St. Ambrose Parish is looking for a part-time (20 Hrs) bookkeeper. Job responsibilities would include accounts receivable, payables, deposit, bank reconciliations, and preparing monthly reports for organizations and ministries of parish. Applicants must have, at minimum, a High School Diploma. Some college education in business, accounting/bookkeeping is preferred. Must have 3-5 years experience as a bookkeeper/accounting administrative assistant in a church setting. Must have effective time-management skills; able to work independently with little supervision, excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively in a team environment. If interested please contact Business Manager, Michelle Thompson at mthompson@stambrosehouston.org or 713.686.3497.

ST. AMBROSE ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR
June 30, 2019

SECOND COLLECTION

The annual **National Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** is scheduled for the weekend of March 9 and 10, 2019. Your support of this collection has helped open that door of faith for Native Americans and African Americans.

Evangelization efforts among African Americans, Native Americans, Eskimo and Aleut communities, Churches and schools depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue building their Christian communities and sharing the joy of knowing Christ. This collection provides opportunities for a solid Catholic education in our Indian and Black Catholic mission schools, allows the purchase of catechetical materials and bibles, and provides for the formation of lay leadership, to name just a few ways the collection supports evangelization.

Please give generously to the Black and Indian Mission Collection. This collection is more than your monetary support - it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American brothers and sisters. May God bless you for your support.

Domingo 17 de Febrero de 2019

VI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jeremías 17,5-8: Bendito el que confía en el Señor

Salmo 1: Dichoso el que ha puesto su confianza en el Señor

1 Corintios 15,12.16-20: Si Cristo ha resucitado, nuestra fe tiene sentido

Lucas 6,17. 20-26: Las bienaventuranzas

Las **Bienaventuranzas** son una forma literaria conocida desde antiguo en Egipto, Mesopotamia, Grecia, etc. En Israel tenemos varios testimonios en la Biblia, especialmente en la literatura sapiencial y profética. En los salmos y en la literatura sapiencial en general, se considera bienaventurada a una persona que cumple fielmente la ley: "Bienaventurado el hombre que no va a reuniones de malvados ni sigue el camino de los pecadores... más le agrada la ley del Señor y medita su ley de día y de noche" (Sal 1,1); "Bienaventurados los que sin yerro andan el camino y caminan según la ley del Señor" (119,1).

Las malaventuranzas o los "ayes" son más comunes en los profetas, en momentos donde se quiere expresar dolor, desesperación luto o lamento por alguna situación que conduce a la muerte: "Ay de los que disimulan sus planes y creen que se esconden de Yahvé" (Is 29,15); "ay de estos hijos rebeldes, dice Yahvé, que traman unos proyectos que no son los míos..." (Is 30,1). También para llamar la atención de los que acaparan: "¡ay de los que juntáis casa con casa, y añadís campo a campo hasta que no queda sitio alguno, para habitar vosotros solos en medio de la tierra!" (Is 5,8); "¡Ay de los que decretan estatutos inicuos, y de los que constantemente escriben decisiones injustas!" (Is 10,1). Las Bienaventuranzas y maldiciones de Jesús con relación a las del AT tienen diferencias fundamentales. En la literatura sapiencial del AT se insiste en un comportamiento acorde con la ley para poder ser bienaventurado, en el evangelio en cambio, Jesús no exige ningún comportamiento ético determinado, como condición para ser declarado bienaventurado. Simplemente los pobres (anawin), los que lloran, los perseguidos... son bienaventurados.

Comparando las bienaventuranzas de Lucas con las de Mateo encontramos algunos datos interesantes. El lugar del discurso según Mateo es la montaña, con la intención de releer la figura de Jesús a la luz de la de Moisés en el Sinaí. Según Lucas es en un llano. Muchos incluso los diferencian llamándolos "sermón de la montaña" o "sermón del llano". En las primeras bienaventuranza Mateo tiene una de más: "bienaventurados los pacientes, porque recibirán la tierra en herencia" (Mt 5,5). En total, Lucas tiene cuatro que son equivalentes a las nueve de Mateo. En Mateo hay una inversión con relación a Lucas, pues aparecen los "hambrientos" detrás de los "aflijidos". En Mateo están redactadas en tercera persona mientras en Lucas todas están en segunda persona. Mateo subraya actitudes interiores con las cuales se debe acoger el Reino, por ejemplo, la misericordia, la justicia, la pureza de corazón, en cambio Lucas se preocupa por mostrar la situación real y concreta de pobreza, hambre, tristeza.

La bienaventuranza clave es la de los pobres, ya que las otras se entienden en relación a ésta. Son los pobres los que tienen hambre, los que lloran o son perseguidos. Lucas recuerda la promesa del AT de un Dios que venía a actuar a favor de los oprimidos (Is 49,9.13), los que tienen a Dios como único defensor (Is 58,6-7) que claman constantemente a Dios (Sal 72; 107,41; 113,7-8). Todas estas promesas van a ser cumplidas en Jesús, quien ha definido desde el principio su programa misionero en favor de los pobres y oprimidos (Lc 4,16-21. Cf. Is 61,1-3).

La última bienaventuranza (vv. 22-23) tiene como destinatarios a los cristianos que son perseguidos y excluidos a causa de su fe. Su felicidad no consiste en padecer sino en la conciencia de estar llamados a poseer una "recompensa grande en el cielo". ¿Dios, entonces, nos quiere pobres?, y ¿qué tipo de pobres? Los pobres no son bienaventurados por ser pobres, sino porque asumiendo tal condición, por situación o solidaridad, buscan dejar de serlo.

Con la colaboración de Servicio Bíblico Latinoamericano

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 Inglés

5to domingo del mes será bilingüe



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.

**RETIRO DE
ACTS PARA MUJERES**



Los Retiros de ACTS enriquecen nuestra vida enfocándose en:
ADORACION y Oración Diaria
COMUNIDAD: como miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo
TEOLOGIA: por medio del estudio de las Sagradas Escrituras y las Enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica
SERVICIO: Con énfasis en la virtud del servicio al Señor, a la Iglesia y al prójimo.

Costo de Inscripción \$ 200.00

La cuota de inscripción incluye todas las comidas, alojamiento y transporte. El retiro de mujeres será del 2 al 5 de Mayo. Para información llame a Viridiana Ramírez al 832-771-0122 o Erika Rodríguez al 832-888-5659.

CLASSES DE CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

San Ambrosio ofrecerá un programa de preparación para adultos, católicos practicantes, que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación. Para calificar para este programa usted debe:

- Tener al menos 18 años de edad
- Haber recibido la primera comunión y reconciliación
- Si está casado, debe estar casado por la iglesia
- Si esta "viviendo en unión libre", debe estar dispuesto a casarse por la iglesia

Para registrarse: Contacte la Oficina de Educación Religiosa y haga una cita con Melissa Franco 713-686-3857 o 713-686-5715 mfranco@stambrosehouston.org

Español – Los candidatos deberán asistir a cuatro retiros de preparación:

- Sábado, Abril 27, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sábado, Mayo 11, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sábado, Mayo 25, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sábado, Junio 8, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Los cuatro retiros son indispensables para completar el programa. Ya que este es un programa "intensivo", no se podrán hacer excepciones al respecto.

Quienes asistan a este programa, sin faltar a ninguna sesión, celebrarán el sacramento de la Confirmación el 9 de Junio, 2019

Para registrarse: Contacte la Oficina de Educación Religiosa y haga una cita con Melissa Franco 713-686-3857 o 713-686-5715 or mfranco@stambrosehouston.org

**Parroquia de San Ambrosio
y el Ministerio Aleteia**

Te invitan a su **Vigilia** de preparación para la Cuaresma con el

Lic. Salvador Melara

Ven y prepara tu corazón para Cristo solo Cristo podrá sanar tus heridas

HABLA HORA SANTA

Sera el Viernes 22 de Febrero de 7:00 a 11:00 PM en la Iglesia



Para más información llame a Francisco Llanito al 713-261-0016



CADA 40 SEGUNDOS, ¡ALGUIEN EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS PRESENTA UN ATAQUE CEREBRAL!

EL JUEVES 7 Y VIERNES 8 DE MARZO en el SALON A & B,

Stroke Scan Inc., realizará exámenes preventivos con ultrasonido para los miembros de la comunidad. Ellos examinaran:

- 1. Las Arterias Carótidas** del cuello en busca de placas de grasa: una causa de Ataque Cerebral.
- 2. La Aorta Abdominal** en busca de Aneurismas: causa importante de muerte súbita;
- 3. ABI-bloqueos por grasa de las Arterias de las piernas:** causa #1 de amputación de piernas.

4. La Glándula Tiroides; 5. Vesícula Biliar; 6. El Hígado;

7. Los Riñones 8. La Fibrilación Cardiaca (A-Fib).

Si llegamos a encontrar alguna anomalía, se tomaran imágenes y se reportaran estos resultados.

Estos exámenes cuestan regularmente entre \$500 a \$1000 cada uno.

Stroke Scan ofrecerá estos exámenes en **Descuento especial de PAQUETE PREVENTIVO: \$139.00 todos los ocho exámenes.**

Si usted quiere beneficiarse de estos exámenes, Stroke Scan estarán aquí en la iglesia: **EL SABADO 2 Y EL DOMINGO 3 DE MARZO después de las misas para que usted se registre** o puede llamar a solicitar una cita al teléfono: 1- 866- 935-7226 o 832-437-7355 www.strokescan.com

**"ENCIENDE"
Nuestra Fe, Nuestra Misión**

Reporte a la fecha

Meta de la Parroquia	\$688,591.00
Donaciones prometidas	\$270,569.28
Cantidad pagada a la fecha:	\$ 58,375.87
Número Total de Participantes	122
Número Total de Miembros	1982
Promesa Promedio/participantes:	\$ 2,217.78
Porcentaje Pagado	8.51%

LENT IS COMING, MARCH 6

From: Alice Camille

RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

Glancing at the shopping list while preparing this Lenten reader, I noticed two items scrawled at the top: lemons and laundry soap. What do such mundane things have to do with lofty spiritual practices? Maybe a better question is: how do we enter Lent except through the simple shiny bits that comprise our days?

Reality doesn't happen to us all at once – thank God! We live in moments and fragments, absorbing lessons and taking consolations where we can. So, in a season dedicated to being more deliberate about what we are doing and where we are going, small is good. Tiny is better.

Lent contains cosmically big ideas: passion, death, and resurrection. It involves grander than usual gestures of dedication: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Lent requires attention and discipline to; reap its full benefits. Lukewarm efforts will not produce the desired results: a clean heart and renewed spirit.

Still the sheer volume of Scripture in these forty days can be overwhelming. How might we absorb the daunting

rush of stories and ideas? One word at a time. Savoring a single word of each passage may yield more insight than devouring a whole chapter. Be kind to yourself. Add a word a day to the simple shiny bits of your reflection this Lent.

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

SPANISH CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 12:00Noon
Contact Alpha Omega Cruz – 281-808-3430
