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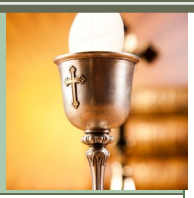
Our Church

The mission of the Catholic Community of St. Ambrose is to grow in faith and spirituality as we seek to proclaim and live the Gospel through our liturgy, prayers, and charitable works for all God's people.

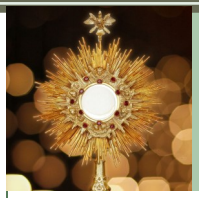
La misión de la Comunidad Católica de San Ambrosio es crecer en fe y espiritualidad a medida que buscamos proclamar y vivir el Evangelio a través de nuestra liturgia, oraciones y obras de caridad para todo el pueblo de Dios.

Holy Mass Schedule



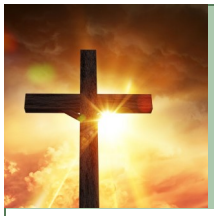
Sunday		**8:30 am**
		10:00 am
	Spanish	**12:00 pm**
	Youth	**4:00 pm**
Monday		**8:00 am**
Tuesday		**8:00 am**
Wednesday	*School*	**9:00 am**
	Spanish	**7:00 pm**
Thursday		**8:00 am**
Friday		**8:00 am**
Saturday	*Daily*	**8:00 am**
	Vigil	**5:00 pm**
	Vigilia—español	**7:00 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration



Mon—Tues—Thurs	8:30 am—9:00 am
Wednesday	9:45 am—6:45 pm

Confession



Mon—Tues—Thurs—Fri	8:30 am—9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm—6:45 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm—4:30 pm

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Liturgy

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 17	**8:00 am**	Simon Lataquin † & Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday, January 18	**8:00 am**	Marco Antonio Sánchez † & Billie and Tim Feehery (35th Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday, January 19	**9:00 am** **7:00 pm**	Toni Cali † & Edward House † ...
Thursday, January 20	**8:00 am**	Daniel Antonio Guardado † & Souls of Purgatory
Friday, January 21	**8:00 am**	Toni Cali †
Saturday, January 22	**8:00 am** **5:00 pm** **7:00 pm**	Michael Goins (Health) & Gail and Lily Garcia † Elizabeth Guerra (Birthday) & Brian Wisnoski † Gilma Zapata † & Almas del Purgatorio
Sunday, January 23	**8:30 am** **10:00 am** **12:00 pm** **4:00 pm**	Maria & Hugo Bedoya (Health) Aaron Mendez † & Michael Vu Tuong † Elsie Hidalgo † & Flora Carrillo † Cac Hoi Vien

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday	**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11
Monday	**Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot** 1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12
Friday	**Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** 1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3: 13-19
Saturday	**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3: 20-21
Sunday	**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Current and Prospective Ministers / Ministros Actuales y Futuros:

Our next opportunity to enrich our service will be
Saturday, February 5, 2022
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
at the St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center

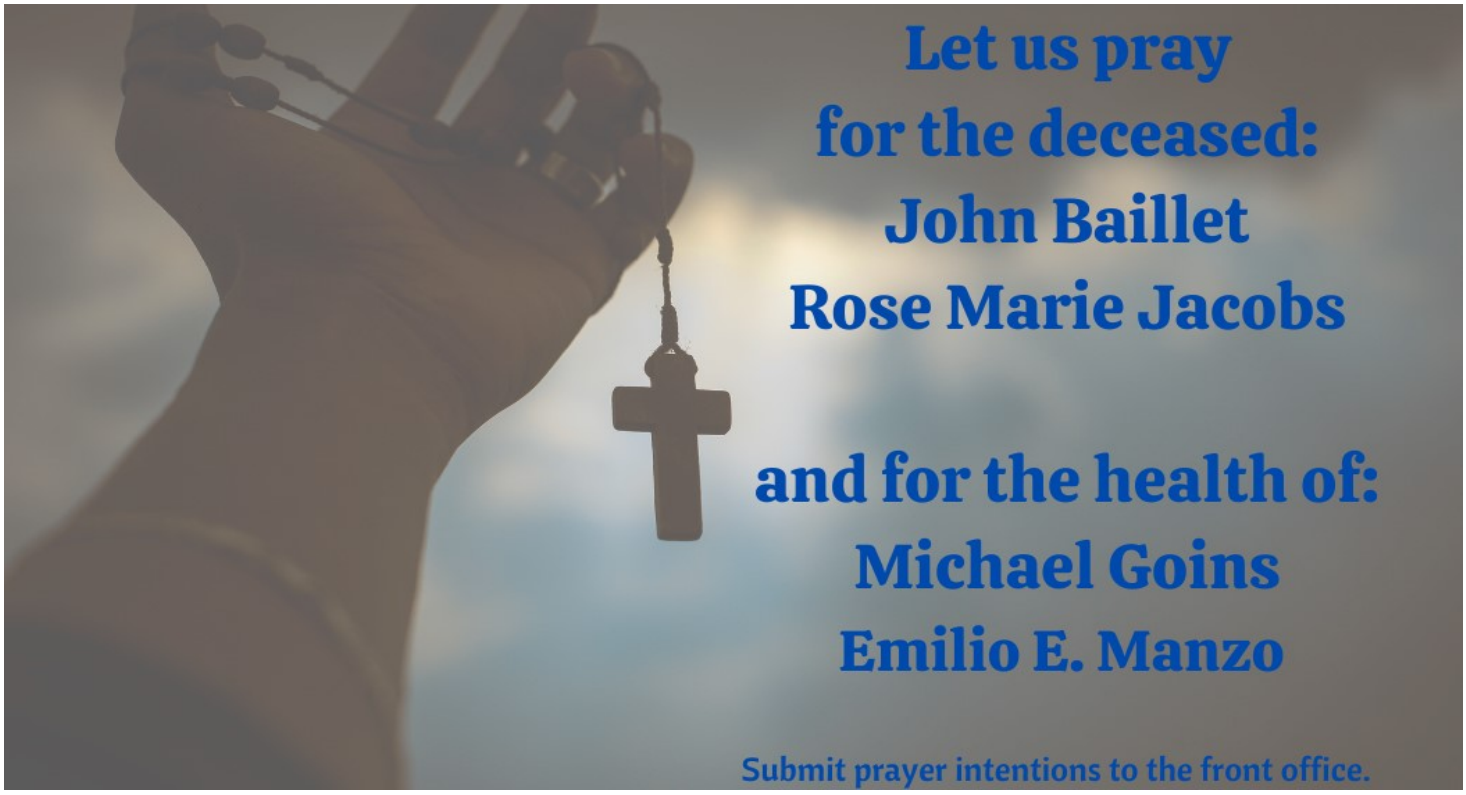
Registration for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Day Winter 2022 is now open.

Sessions in English:
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
Preparing the Lector,
Hospitality Ministry,
and Environment for Worship: Lent – Eastertide

Las inscripciones para el Día de Formación del Ministerio Litúrgico de invierno de 2022 ya están abiertas.

Sesiones en Español:
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión,
Preparando al Lector,
Taller de Música para Cuaresma,
y Ministerio de Hospitalidad.

In the Community



St. Ambrose Booster Club's Annual

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 22, 2022
Location: St. Ambrose Catholic School Gym
$200 per team $50 non-player

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
10AM - Check-In
11AM - First Toss
1PM - Lunch Served

Team Entry Fee Includes
5 Game Minimum Play
Unlimited Food & Drinks
Great Music
Koozies/Door prizes
Silent Auction
Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place Winners

All participants at this event must be 21 or older

Questions please contact Lettie Gonzales at lettievasquez@hotmail.com

ST. AMBROSE Hornets

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ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Open House

WHEN: Sunday, January 30th
TIME: 11:30am - 1:30pm

NOW ENROLLING
PRE-K3 - 8TH
WHY CHOOSE ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

WE EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD:
Mind, Body, and Spirit

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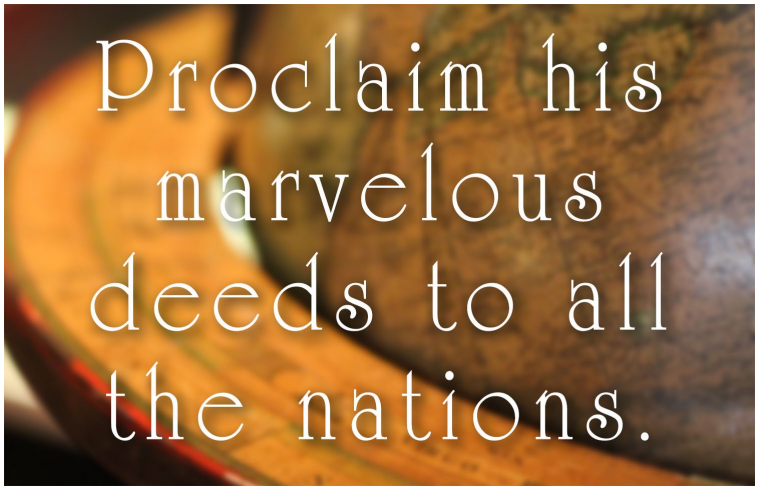
En la Communidad

This week / Esta semana (January 16-22)
Sunday / Domingo
1 p.m. Baptisms—Spanish
2 p.m. Golden Youth Meeting in the Cafeteria
Monday / Lunes
Boy Scout Troop Meeting 6-9 p.m.
Marriage Preparation Classes 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday / Martes
SAS Girls Basketball Games vs. St. Theresa 4:30
SAS Booster Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday / Miercoles
Girl Scouts meeting 4:30 p.m.
Catholic Daughters meeting 7 p.m.
Thursday / Jueves
SAS Girls Basketball Games vs. St. Martha 4:30
Friday / Viernes
SAS Jr. High Basketball Games 4:30
MFC Meeting 7-9 p.m.
Saturday / Sabado
Journey of the Faith Retreat (offsite)
SAS Booster Club Cornhole Tournament



¿Qué hemos estado escuchando antes de Misa últimamente?
Al comienzo de este año litúrgico, comenzasteis a escuchar las antífonas de entrada en San Ambrosio. La Iglesia Católica proporciona pasajes de las Escrituras para cada Misa de Entrada, Ofertorio y Comunión.
Estos textos sagrados han sido parte de la Misa desde los primeros siglos y están destinados a ser cantados. Son como lecturas adicionales de las Escrituras. A menudo, las antífonas son muy similares al Salmo u otras lecturas del día.
¿No se supone que debemos cantar cuatro himnos (Entrada, Ofertorio, Comunión y Envío)?
Los himnos son una forma especial de cantar nuestra fe, y ciertamente están permitidas, pero cada vez que cantamos una, estamos reemplazando la antífona que la Iglesia pretendía cantar.
¿Por qué siempre hemos usado himnos?
Respuesta corta: después del Concilio Vaticano II, ninguna de las antífonas con sus cánticos que la Iglesia proporcionó originalmente tenía versiones en inglés, por lo que los himnos en lengua vernácula llenaron el vacío. Así, nos acostumbramos a los himnos "tradicionales".
En realidad, los himnos ya habían sido parte de la misa re-zada durante décadas antes del Vaticano II. El cambio de la misa en latín a nuestra lengua vernácula tomó tiempo para adaptarse.
¿Por qué las antífonas son como un canto?
El canto gregoriano como discurso cantado es muy adecuado para transmitir los textos de las Escrituras sin alterarlos. Las Escrituras son prosa, no métrica rimada, por lo que l a cualidad flotante del canto encaja apropiadamente. Los cantos capturan el espíritu de los Salmos con énfasis en la Palabra.
¿Qué pasa si no me gustan los cánticos?
Es un ajuste seguro. Una vez que haya tenido una exposición constante, se sentirán meditativos como pretende la Iglesia. A veces cantamos nuestras antífonas con música de estilo moderno. No fue sino hasta el año pasado que un editor pro-porcionó música de antífonas medidas en inglés.

What have we been hearing before Mass lately?
At the beginning of this liturgical year, you began hearing entrance antiphons at St. Ambrose. The Catholic Church provides scripture passages for every Mass for Entrance, Offertory, and Communion.
These sacred texts have been part of the Mass since the earliest centuries, and are meant to be sung. They are like extra scripture readings. Often, the antiphons are very similar to the Psalm or other readings of the day.

Aren't we supposed to sing four hymns (Entrance, Offertory, Communion, and Sending)?
Hymns are special way to sing our faith,
and are certainly permitted. At St. Ambrose, we are trying to incorporate both antiphons and hymns.

Why have we always used hymns?
After Vatican II, none of the antiphons with their chants that the Church originally provided had English versions, so vernacular hymns filled the void. Thus, we grew accustomed to 'traditional' hymns.

Why are the antiphons chant-like?
Gregorian chant as sung speech is well-suited to deliver the scriptural texts without altering them. Scripture is prose, not rhymed meter, so the free-floating quality of chant fits appropriately. Chants capture the spirit of the Psalms with emphasis on the Word.

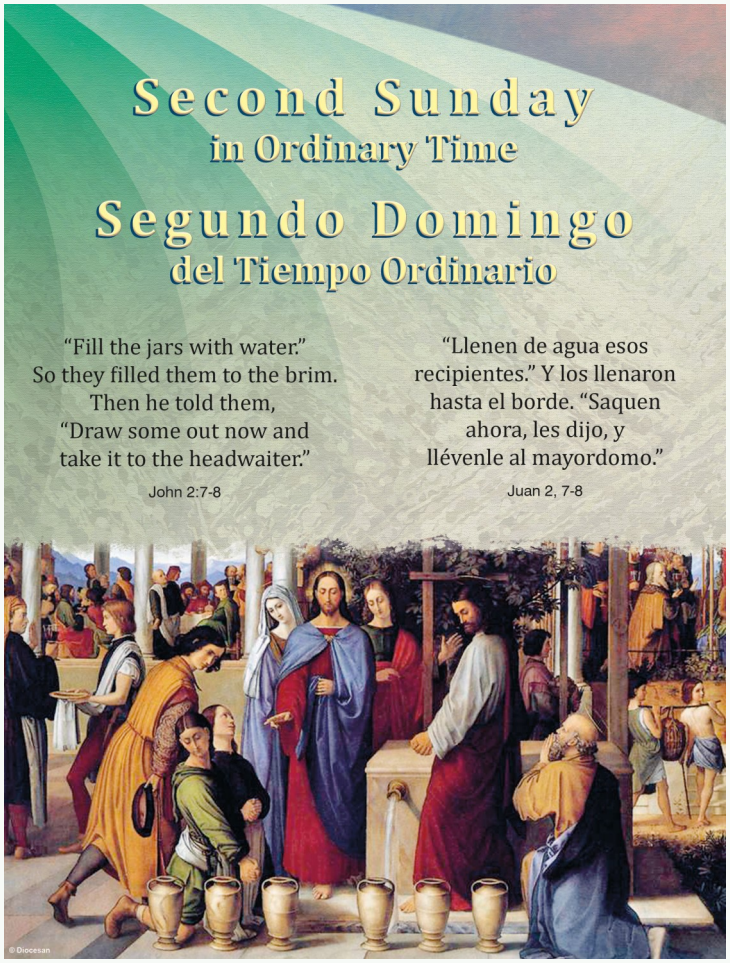
Gregorian chant is the supreme model of sacred music.
—Pope Pius X

Together you can devote yourselves better to song as an integral part of the Liturgy, with Gregorian chant inspiring you as the first model.
—Pope Francis

Gregorian chant, as proper to the Roman Liturgy, should be given pride of place.
—Vatican II and the Roman Missal

What if I don't like chants?
It's an adjustment for sure. Once you've had steady exposure, they will feel meditative as the Church intends. Sometimes we do sing our antiphons to modern-style music. It wasn't until last year that a publisher provided metered antiphon music in English.

Etymology:
anti = "in return" & phone = "sound" (Greek)
antiphonos = response (Greek)
antiphona = harmonies (Greek, then Latin)
antiphon in late Middle English



Saint Ambrose, the first Doctor of the Church, is lauded as "the father of Church song."

He introduced chant to the Western Church, paving the way before the use of Gregorian chant.

Although much of the history is difficult to ascertain, considering how he lived during the 4th century, we recognize that he penned no fewer than 92 songs.

Holiday Contributions

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	$ 10,769.00
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm	$ 1,894.00
Midnight	$ 667.00
Christmas Day 10:00 am	$ 2,312.00
Natividad 12:00 pm	$ 961.17
Sunday 8:30 am	$ 2,172.00
Sunday 10 am	$ 1,985.00
Domingo 12 pm	$ 4,061.00
Nativity Donation	$ 207.00
Mail-in	$ 704.00
Christmas Drop-off	$ 1,180.00
Weekly Drop-off	$ 715.34
Maintenance Fund	$318.00
Online	$ 3,518.00
TOTAL	**$ 31,463.51**
Extra Contributions	
Wednesday 7:00 pm	$ 194.00

Weekly Contributions

January 8 & 9

Saturday 5:00 pm	$ 2,768.00
Sabado 7:00 pm	$ 565.00
Sunday 8:30 am	$ 1,773.00
Sunday 10:00 am	$ 2,868.00
Domingo 12:00 pm	$ 2,891.00
Sunday 4:00 pm	$ 620.00
Mail-in	$ 878.00
Drop-off	$ 155.00
Maintenance Fund	$ 249.00
Online	$ 2,122.17
TOTAL	**$ 14,904.17**
Extra Contributions	
Wednesday 7:00 pm	$ 148.00