

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness and hospitality.

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

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



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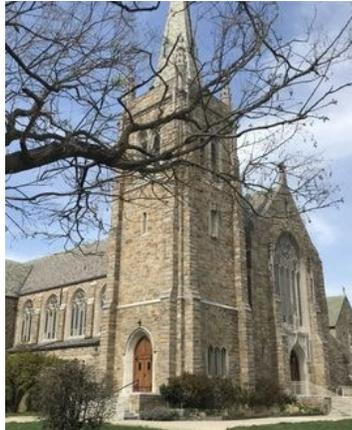
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 December 2025

DO YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES?

Each Monday during Advent, Father David is offering a ten-minute spiritual reflection over Zoom. It is live:

12:10 - 12:20 pm
on two more Mondays
December 15, and 22

The QR code at the top of the next column will take you right to the virtual meeting room. Or you can find the link on the home-page of our website. If you need it, the following information will also get you there:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86256061836?pwd=UyVaEebuVFCQMgx30DwMoKMTcdasJb.1>

Meeting ID: 862 5606 1836
Passcode: 312112



The code and the sign-in information are the same for all the sessions.

This is a live gathering of our Saint Ambrose family for a deliberate and short time of prayerful reflection.

Consider it a gift to Jesus, for yourself. Give God ten minutes of your lunch hour tomorrow and next Monday. The reflections are being recorded so that if you happen to miss one, you can participate later. These QR codes take you to the first two reflections:



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AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Joseph Garner's funeral Mass is on Wednesday this week at 11:00 am in church. You may pay your respects on Tuesday between 3:00 and 7:00 pm at the Joseph H. Brown, Jr. Funeral Home / 2140 N. Fulton Avenue during which time the Vigil for the Deceased will be celebrated.

Rodney Carter's funeral service is on Friday at the Vaughn Greene Funeral Home on Liberty Road. Visitation is from 2:00 - 2:30 pm; the service follows immediately.

May they rest in God's loving arms, and may God grant to their families and those who mourn their passing his deepest peace.

**SECURITY AND RESPONSE TEAM
HELPERS NEEDED**

Security and Response Teams are parish volunteers who accept a particular responsibility when we are together in church to assist in responding to any crisis which arises, even a small one. We hope to build three teams so as not to overly burden any one. If you are willing to help, please call the parish office.

**Christmas Mass is on Christmas Eve
December 24 at 6:00 pm**

This is the only Mass for Christmas

**Mass for Mary, the Mother of God
December 31 at 6:00 pm**

This is the only Mass for New Year's Day



In addition to sharing your favorite cookies, bring a friend. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome table.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S
CHRISTMAS WORKS**

Throughout December, our parish's Saint Vincent de Paul Society is collecting gifts to share the joy of Christmas with others. Look for baskets in the back of church to drop off items for:

- ◆ SEAFARERS: combs and hairbrushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap or body wash, lotion, pens/pencils, 2026 pocket calendars, address books, playing cards, paperback books, pocket bibles and rosaries.
- ◆ OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE: gift cards for Walmart, Giant or another retailer. A suggested card value is \$10.00.
- ◆ WOMEN VETERANS: toiletries and mini manicure kits.


Prayer Vigil for Homicide Victims - Dec.29, 6pm

Each year, Catholic Charities partners with Health by Southwest, the Archdiocese of Baltimore and others to hold this vigil to recall those lost during the year to gun violence and to pray for an end to violence.

This year's gathering will take place on December 29 at 6pm. The vigil starts at [St. Joseph's Monastery Parish](#) and participants walk to My Brother's Keeper.

FOR YOUR ADVENT CALENDAR

- ◆ On Wednesday evening this week at 6:00 we will put up the tall Christmas tree in the back of the church and decorate it with photographs of our families. We saved the photographs that we used last year; but if you want to replace it, bring a new one with you.
- ◆ Remember: Father David is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church every Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
- ◆ You are welcome to join other parishioners for a celebration of Mass every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/14: Angelina Daniel on the 19th anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Denise Daniel;
- 12/18: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 12/21: George E. Augins, Jr., on the 10th anniversary of his passing, requested by his daughters, Faye Augins and Shelley Augins-Tyler;
- 12/24: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 12/28: Randell Dorsey on the 35th anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Gloria Smith-Dorsey;
- 12/31: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

YOUTHFUL REFLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS MASS

Our Christmas Mass on the 24th will be punctuated with short reflections, given by four of our young ladies of the parish, on some of the major themes of the season:

The Greatest Gift Hope Has a Name
Light in the Darkness Journey to the Manger

At certain moments throughout the Mass we will pause what we are doing, and take in a spiritual thought.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ANNUAL COLLECTION TODAY

Our senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have spent decades caring for those in need. Years of service for little or no pay have left many religious communities without sufficient retirement savings. Today's collection helps over 20,000 religious cover their rising health care costs and daily living expenses. Your donation helps assure they receive the care they deserve and can live their senior years with dignity and in peace.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>07 December 2025 — online contributions</i>	\$3,040.60
<i>07 December 2025 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,467.00
Sunday collection total	\$7,507.60
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, NOVEMBER 2025 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>All Saints</i>	\$400.00
<i>All Souls</i>	\$325.00
<i>Campaign for Human Development</i>	\$312.10
<i>Archdiocesan seminarians</i>	\$313.00
<i>Archdiocesan schools</i>	\$70.00
<i>Sick and elderly of the Capuchin friars</i>	\$180.00
<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.

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:

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

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 1 - 6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 146: 6 - 10

Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

SECOND READING

James 5: 7 - 10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 2 - 11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."