

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

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

MASSES:

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

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



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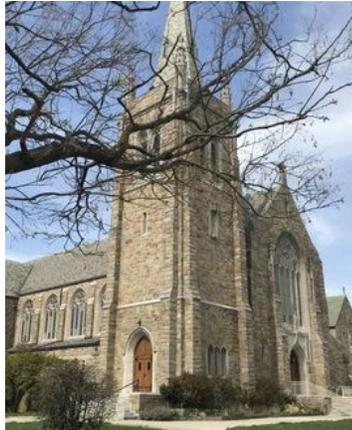
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

28 December 2025

God is with Us

The prophecy of the ages is the truth of our present

Merry Christmas, Saint Ambrose Church!

IN PRAYERFUL GRATITUDE

The beauty of Christmas decorations is surrounding and embracing us. It began with our joyful celebration on Wednesday evening and will continue throughout the entire season. This beautiful Christmas comes to us through the hard work, dedication, and contributions of many people. The names of those who have contributed to the beauty that surrounds us have been placed on the altar of repose near the tabernacle in prayerful gratitude.

That beauty includes those who:

- * spent so many hours planning the décor;
- * have done the decorating and are maintaining the flowers;
- * continue to practice the hymns, carols, and joy-

ful acclamations we are using;

- * are studying the Scripture texts so as to proclaim them worthily and eloquently;
- * have washed the pews and ceiling fans;
- * have lovingly placed photographs of our families on the tree;
- * have made contributions, known only to a very few, but fully known in the heart of God.

May God bless everyone who helped in any way to make our church and our worship elegantly beautiful this Christmas. May God hear and answer every prayer of our hearts and fill our homes and streets with his peace.

My heart is full of gratitude for you all! *fr. David*

ADVENT REFLECTIONS — A POSTSCRIPT

About 31 people participated in the Monday noon-time Advent reflections by Father David throughout Advent. The experience has prompted some inquiry about beginning again an in-person weekly Bible Study in our parish. It wouldn't be a classroom type lecture or teaching; the idea is to have an open conversation about Scripture in a prayerful atmosphere, engaging the Bible as a privileged place where God speaks to us, as a community and as individuals.

If you're interested, you are welcome to help shape it and the topics to be discussed. Please fill out this form: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/bible-study-survey>.



The form will be available until January 26th.

THE GREATEST GIFT
Sarah Attenoukon

HOPE HAS A NAME
McKenzie Rubio

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
Nedra Greenidge

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER
Imani Attenoukon

Saint Ambrose Church
Baltimore, Maryland
24 December 2025

Reflections read throughout the Christmas Eve Liturgy

LAND OF PEACE

www.landofpeace.org



Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization that supports many organizations and associations in the Holy Land, including the Catholic Church; their work supports Christian families, churches, schools and Christian artisans. Noel Alshomali from the organization will be here next weekend to make religious articles available for purchase.

This is not a second or special collection. It is an opportunity to purchase religious articles made from olive wood and other materials native to the Holy Land by artisans from the Holy Land. These crucifixes, rosaries and other religious items offer a tangible connection to the land that holds such deep spiritual significance. Next Sunday is the only day representatives will be here with their merchandise. If you think you might want to purchase something as a late Christmas gift, or something for your Christmas decorations next year, please come prepared.

Check out their website: www.landofpeace.org.

Four reflections were interspersed throughout our Christmas Mass this week. They are reproduced in a booklet available on the Welcome table in church and on our website. Reading these reflections, whether you were able to hear them in person or not, is well worth your time. Or, go to our Facebook page and watch the video.



This prayer Vigil
is tomorrow!



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.

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

This is the only Mass for New Year's Day

The Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:30 - 5:30 and Mass at 6:00 pm on Thursdays returns to the schedule on Thursday, January 8th.

RESTING IN HIS PEACE



Madeleine Charles' funeral Mass is on Tuesday this week at 10:30 am in church. You may pay your respects on Monday between 4:00 and 6:00 pm at the March Funeral Home / Wabash Avenue during which time the Vigil for the Deceased will be celebrated.

May she rest in God's loving arms, and may God grant to us, who mourn her passing, his deepest peace.

PEACE WALK

Saint Bernardine Catholic Church with Historic Saint Peter Claver is hosting its 13th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Rev. Msgr. Edward Michael Miller Peace Walk, to be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2026, at 12:00 noon.

This annual tradition gathers community members, civic leaders, clergy, and neighbors from throughout the region for a prayer service, a walk dedicated to peace, justice, and unity and a community gathering with chili and refreshments afterwards.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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;
- 01/04: Josephine Forte on the 10th anniversary of her passing, requested by Millie Jackman-Forte;
- 01/08: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/11: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/15: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

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

CHRISTMAS TITHES AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The ability to make these contributions online was very late in being placed on our online giving page. If you have made, or are making, the transition to online giving, please notice that the ability to make special Christmas donations and to help pay for the Christmas flowers is now available. Your generosity is noticed and deeply appreciated.

Also this is the time of year when your extra contributions to help pay for heating the church is so helpful. Please visit our website or use the QR code below.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
21 December 2025 — online contributions	\$748.80
21 December 2025 — envelope contributions	\$4,165.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,913.80
<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 | Louis Cooper | Frances Gordon | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | George Warfield |
| Renee Bruce | Eric Frazier | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Al Butler | Sarah Gamble | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Debbie Chase | JoAnn Glenn | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |

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FIRST READING

Sirach 3: 2 - 6, 12 - 14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128: 1 - 5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3: 12 - 21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so

must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 13 - 15, 19 - 23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.* When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*