

## 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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# Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

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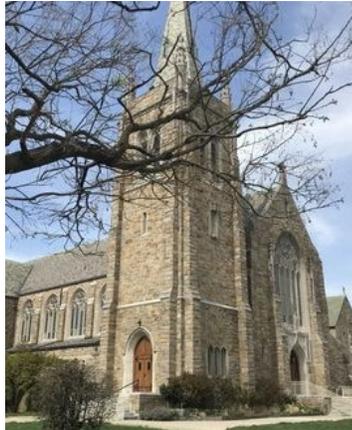
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11 January 2026



### CAN'T LET GO OF CHRISTMAS

*Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.*

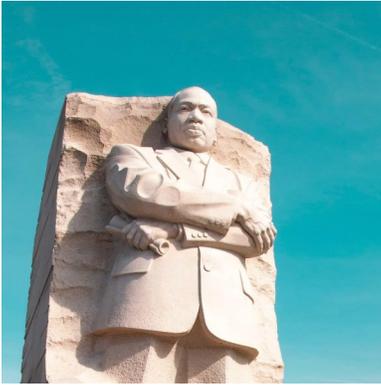
Today's liturgical celebration is not only the end of the Christmas season, but it is also the first Sunday

in Ordinary Time. We have one foot in the Christmas season and the other in Ordinary Time. We're still wearing white vestments and celebrating the truth behind the Feast of the Epiphany. The antiphon, above, is used in the Liturgy of the Hours on the Feast of the Epiphany and clearly points to the fact that Epiphany is about all the ways our good God goes out of his way to reveal himself to us. Epiphany is not just about the Magi; it is also about the Father revealing Jesus as his son when he is baptized, and it is about Jesus revealing himself in his first sign: changing water into wine.

When we get to the second Sunday in Ordinary Time next week, the gospel reading is still going to be focusing on baptism and directing our attention to the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God.

It's like we just can't let go of Christmas, its message and its joy. Don't let go. Keep one foot firmly in the Christmas season. God has come among us and he's here to stay. Never stop looking for the epiphanies of God's presence and always rejoice in them.

## PEACE WALK



Saint Bernardine Catholic Church with Historic Saint Peter Claver is hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Rev. Msgr. Edward Michael Miller Peace Walk, next Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 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. This year's event will feature Pulitzer Prize winner Taylor Branch as the guest speaker. He is recognized for his award-winning trilogy chronicling the life of Dr. King and the American Civil Rights Movement.



Each January the archdiocese comes alive with a shared purpose. Through the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, Catholics, from every corner of our state and beyond, unite to support more than 100 ministries that change lives, strengthen parishes, and serve our communities.

Last year, that generosity raised over \$7.7 million. From Catholic education and vocations to outreach for those most in need, the Annual Appeal helps ensure that our Church is present, active, and responsive.

### INTRODUCING:

*Lift Up Your Hearts, United in Hope and Service*  
the 2026 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Please take advantage of this opportunity to join a mission that extends far beyond any single parish, to make a real, lasting impact across our Catholic community, and to help ensure that hope, service, and faith continue to flourish.

## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

About 31 people participated in the Monday noon-time Advent reflections throughout Advent, which 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 26<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry resumes its regular monthly meeting next Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, right after Mass, in the Saint Augustine Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join their meetings on the third Sunday of each month.

January 25<sup>th</sup> is the announcement weekend when the appeal will be presented to us and we will be invited to consider making a pledge or gift.

February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the in-pew giving day when we are asked to fill out the pledge envelope and commit to making the gift we have decided upon. Use this QR code to donate now:



To give by mail, checks made payable to *Annual Appeal* should be sent to:

Archdiocese of Baltimore  
Department of Advancement  
320 Cathedral Street 4th Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201

To make a gift by phone call 443-263-1912. At that same telephone number you can obtain information on how to make your gift of stock, cryptocurrency, IRA distribution or from a donor-advised fund.

*Your gift will be allocated only as you intend and never to cover legal costs incurred by the Archdiocese of Baltimore for any reason. Every gift, large and small, is a blessing for our Church and those we serve.*

**RECEIVE THEM AND PRESENT THEM  
TO GOD THE MOST HIGH**



Please remain prayerful as we await the scheduling of a funeral Mass for Mrs. Frances Gordon.

George Stanley Warfield, Jr. (Arnetta’s husband) passed away on New Year’s Day. A memorial celebration will take place at Saint Veronica’s Parish Hall (806 Cherry Hill Road) on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Please come and share memories and support the family.

**FROM THE FAMILY OF MADELEINE CHARLES**

The family and friends of Madeleine Madonna Charles sincerely thank the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church community for the prayers, visits, and kindness shown to Madeleine during her illness, and for the compassion and support extended to our family during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to the Bereavement Committee and the Music Ministry for their guidance, care, and beautiful assistance with the funeral services. Your ministry and support are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

**SPECIAL CARE FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS**



The first second collection of 2026 is this weekend and supports the retired priests of the archdiocese.

The archdiocese provides a variety of services to the retired priests regarding ministry, residence, medical, and personal needs. Your gift will help care for these men who have devoted their lives to advancing the Church’s mission. Thank you for honoring their commitment with your support. There is a link on the online giving page of our website.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 01/11: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/15: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/18: Theresa Pope on the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Deborah Young;
- 01/22: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/25: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/29: 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.*

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
04 January 2026 — online contributions	\$1,944.90
04 January 2026 — envelope contributions	\$5,026.00
<b>Sunday collection total</b>	<b>\$6,970.90</b>
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, DECEMBER 2025 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
Continuing Our Mission	\$1,262.60
Utility Fund	\$736.10
Christmas Day	\$1,090.00
Christmas Flowers	\$398.00
Immaculate Conception	\$386.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$275.00
Online donations through archdiocesan portal	\$1,090.00
<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            | Louis Cooper     | Karen Gross              | Brenda Richardson           | Ernest Thames         |
| E-Otree Allen           | Linda Davis      | Gloria B. Harris         | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas           |
| Phillip Ashton          | Kenneth Davis    | Angela Johnson           | Corey Richardson            | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis      | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves     | Tammy Vaughn          |
| Jean Bennett            | Dale Dyson       | Josie Johnson            | Danielle Singley            | Rosalie Watkins       |
| Parrish Boyd            | Earlene Forrest  | Joseph Jones             | Bryan Smith                 | William Young, Sr.    |
| Karen Brown-Berkley     | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith       | Daniel Smith Sr.            | Alice Zaborowski      |
| Renee Bruce             | Eric Frazier     | Ernest Livers            | Archie Stith                |                       |
| Al Butler               | Sarah Gamble     | Charles Manns, III       | Rosalita Stone              |                       |
| Debbie Chase            | JoAnn Glenn      | Kimberly Merrill         | Gloria Tate                 |                       |

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## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7*

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 29: 1 - 4, 3, 9 - 10*

### The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.



## SECOND READING

*Acts 10: 34 - 38*

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."



Excavated baptismal site of Jesus in Bethany, Jordan

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 3: 13 - 17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."