

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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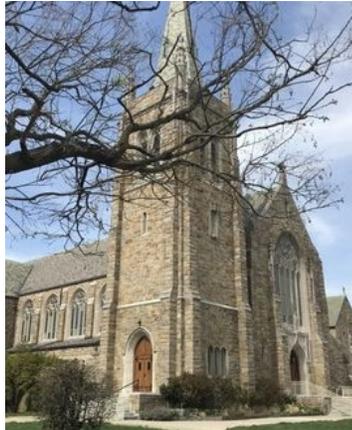
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 January 2026

FOCUS ON THE LITURGY

Our celebration of Sunday Mass is the supreme moment of our Catholic identity and the source from which we gain strength for our Catholic mission. Do you want to know more about what we're doing during Sunday Mass, what it all means, and how we're interacting with God? To this end, Father David will offer a series of presentations on various aspects of the liturgy, with our parish's celebration of Sunday Mass as the focal point.

On Saturday afternoons in Lent everyone is invited to take part. The sessions will last for 90 minutes beginning at 12:00 noon and be held in the church. Mark your calendars for four consecutive Saturdays beginning February 21st and continuing through March 14th.



This can be one of the extra things you do for your relationship with God and your church during Lent.

REFLECTION DAY FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please see the flyer on the Welcome table about this year's reflection day. The focus will be on parish celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours. All our liturgical ministers are encouraged to attend this day-long workshop in Nottingham on March 21st. Please sign up at the Welcome table or use this code:



BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY

To kick off our month-long observance of Black History, everyone is invited to come to church next Sunday in festive African clothing.



VENERABLE MARY LANGE ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Oblate Sisters of Providence are commemorating the 144th anniversary of the death of Venerable Mary Lange. We are invited to join the sisters in prayer and celebration to continue to lift up the cause of canonization and to continue the work of Mother Mary Lange through their ministries.

*Saturday, January 31
2:00 pm*

*Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent
701 Gun Road*

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

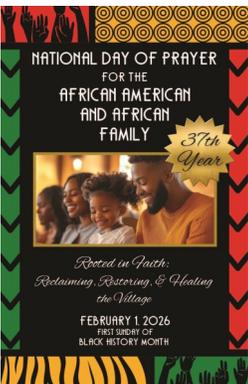
Plans for an in-person weekly Bible Study in our parish are in the works. If you're interested, you are invited to help shape it and the topics to be discussed. Please fill out this form: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/bible-study-survey>.



The survey will close tomorrow.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE**

AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY



This day of prayer is observed, next Sunday, which is also the first day of Black History Month. Please stop by the Welcome table for a couple of resources you can use at home to honor the day.

Throughout February, we will be deliberate in celebrating Black History Month in some way.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As Catholic Schools are celebrated this week, here are a few notable facts:

- 97% of the graduates from Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic schools go on to attend college;
- Catholic schools are ranked #1 in both math and reading, according to nationwide standardized testing by the U.S. Department of Education;
- Above all, our Catholic schools are centered around Christ.



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.

This is the announcement weekend when the appeal will be presented to us and we will be invited to consider making a pledge or gift. Next Sunday, February 1st 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.

PLEASE NOTE: *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 HER AND PRESENT HER
TO GOD THE MOST HIGH**

The funeral Mass for
MRS. FRANCES GORDON
will be celebrated on Thursday this week at
10:30 am in church. The Vigil for the De-
ceased and visitation hours will be held
from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Wylie Funeral
Home on Liberty Road in Randallstown on
Wednesday.

*This week we received this letter from Sister Stephen with her
request to reprint it here:*

Dear Friends in Christ,

With grateful hearts, we thank you and the St. Vin-
cent De Paul Society for the Christmas gift cards
you so generously shared with us. Your kindness,
thoughtfulness and support are a true blessing.
Your thoughtfulness brightened our Christmas sea-
son, and it will always be remembered. Please know
that you remain in our daily prayers, and we ask the
Lord to reward your kindness with His grace and
joy. God bless you always!

With sincere thanks,

Sr. Mary Stephen Beauford
and The Oblate Sisters of Providence

JOIN THE SAINT GABRIEL MIRACLE PLAYERS

The Saint Gabriel Miracle Players are holding audi-
tions for their spring musical production on Sunday,
February 8, and Monday, February 9. For more in-
formation, contact Kacy Conley at 410-747-5626
or miracleplayers@yahoo.com. Or visit: [https://
www.onthestage.tickets/st-gabriel](https://www.onthestage.tickets/st-gabriel).

MASS INTENTIONS

- 01/25: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/29: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 02/01: Jean and Darrell Kotchka, requested by their
daughters;
- 02/04: the people of Saint Ambrose Church
- 02/08: Joseph H. Garner, Jr., requested by Patricia
Shorter;
- 02/11: 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.*

DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for the Daniel
Rudd Scholarship. It is open to all students attend-
ing a Catholic institution, grades Kindergarten to 12,
and who are active members of their parish commu-
nity. Application forms are available on the Wel-
come table; they are due by May 31st.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of your contributions to the parish as
you prepare your 2025 tax return, please leave your name and
contact information on the list at the Welcome table or leave a
message at the parish office. We will promptly prepare a state-
ment for you, but only upon your request.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
18 January 2026 — online contributions	\$558.00
18 January 2026 — envelope contributions	\$3,701.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,259.00
<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 8: 23 - 9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13 - 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you but that you be united in the same mind and in the same

purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 12 - 23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.