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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

The month of November is the time of year when the Church calls us to reflect upon and pray for those who have preceded us on the pathway to everlasting life. In both the Feast of All Saints and that of All Souls, we are invited to reflect upon others who have lived their life here and now enjoy or eagerly await the glory of Resurrection in the Kingdom of Our Father.

Pope Francis has this to say about the feasts: "We came into this world to be raised up; we were not born for death, but for resurrection. As Saint Paul wrote in the Letter to the Philippians, 'our citizenship is in heaven' (Phil3:20); and as Jesus says in the Gospel of Saint John, we 'shall be raised up on the last day.' (Jn.6:20)...We can ask ourselves: how does the thought of the resurrection affect me? How do I respond to my call to be raised up?"

"Help comes to us first from Jesus, Who in the Gospel says: 'Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.' (Jn.6:37) That is His invitation, to come to Jesus, the Living One, in order to be inoculated against death, against the fear that everything will end. Today we can ask ourselves: Do I live my day coming to the Lord, or simply orbiting around myself?...We cannot belong to Jesus and orbit around ourselves. Those who belong to Jesus live by constantly going forth from ourselves and towards Him.

"Life is a constant going forth: from our mother's womb to our birth, from infancy to adolescence, from adolescence to adulthood and so on, until the day of our going forth from this world....We cannot forget the most important and difficult 'going forth', the one that gives meaning to all the others: That of going forth from our very selves. Only by going forth from ourselves do we open the door that leads to the Lord. Let us implore this grace: 'Lord, I want to come to You, along the roads and with my traveling companions each day. Help me to go out of myself in order to come towards You, for You are Life Itself.'"

Living the Prayer of Pope Francis is what makes our life worthwhile. Seeking the Lord of Life with others and serving His hidden Presence within others, just as we would if He were physically standing before us, is what determines the vision of our heart and brings us to completion within the Kingdom yet to come. As Pope Francis asks us: "Do I go forth from myself each day in order to come to the Lord? Do I feel and practice compassion for those in need? Do I make important decisions in the sight of God?...Amid so many worldly voices that make us forget the meaning of life, let us grow attuned to the Will of Jesus, risen and alive." May God bless your effort to do so.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

El mes de noviembre es la época del año en que la Iglesia nos llama a reflexionar y orar por aquellos que nos han precedido en el camino hacia la vida eterna. Tanto en la Fiesta de Todos los Santos como en la de Todas las Almas, estamos invitados a reflexionar sobre otros que han vivido su vida aquí y ahora disfrutaban o esperan ansiosamente la gloria de la Resurrección en el Reino de Nuestro Padre.

El Papa Francisco tiene esto que decir sobre las fiestas: “Vinimos a este mundo para ser criados; no nacimos para la muerte, sino para la resurrección. Como San Pablo escribe en la Carta a los Filipenses, "nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo" (Filipenses 3: 20); y como Jesús dice en el Evangelio de San Juan, "seremos resucitados el último día" (Jn.6: 20) ... Podemos preguntarnos: ¿cómo me afecta el pensamiento de la resurrección? ¿Cómo respondo a mi llamado para ser levantado?

“La ayuda nos llega primero de Jesús, quien en el Evangelio dice: 'Cualquiera que venga a mí, nunca me irá' (Jn.6: 37) Esa es su invitación, a venir a Jesús, el Viviente, en para ser inoculados contra la muerte, contra el miedo a que todo termine. Hoy podemos preguntarnos: ¿vivo mi día viniendo al Señor, o simplemente orbitando a mi alrededor? ... No podemos pertenecer a Jesús y orbitar a nuestro alrededor. Los que pertenecen a Jesús viven saliendo constantemente de nosotros mismos y hacia Él.

"La vida es una salida constante: desde el útero de nuestra madre hasta nuestro nacimiento, desde la infancia hasta la adolescencia, desde la adolescencia hasta la edad adulta, etc., hasta el día de nuestra salida de este mundo ... No podemos olvidar lo más importante y difícil". yendo adelante ', el que da sentido a todos los demás: el de salir de nosotros mismos. Solo saliendo de nosotros mismos abrimos la puerta que conduce al Señor. Supliquemos esta gracia: ‘Señor, quiero ir a Ti, a lo largo de los caminos y con mis compañeros de viaje cada día. Ayúdame a salir de mí para acercarme a ti, porque eres la vida misma ".

Vivir la oración del papa Francisco es lo que hace que nuestra vida valga la pena. Buscar al Señor de la Vida con los demás y servir a Su Presencia oculta dentro de los demás, tal como lo haríamos si Él estuviera físicamente delante de nosotros, es lo que determina la visión de nuestro corazón y nos completa en el Reino que está por venir. Como el Papa Francisco nos pregunta: “¿Salgo de mí cada día para venir al Señor? ¿Siento y practico la compasión por los necesitados? ¿Tomo decisiones importantes ante los ojos de Dios? ... En medio de tantas voces mundanas que nos hacen olvidar el significado de la vida, déjenos sintonizarnos con la Voluntad de Jesús, resucitados y vivos ". Que Dios los bendiga. así que.

La paz sea con usted, Monseñor

Parish Information

	Monday 12/2/2019	Tuesday 12/3/2019	Wednesday 12/4/2019	Thursday 12/5/2019	Friday 12/6/2019	Saturday 12/7/2019
St. Mary	8:00 AM Joann Gardner	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM Poor Souls	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
St. Ambrose	11:00 AM Sr. Rita Vwkovic	8:00 AM Members of the McCarty Family	8:00 AM Ryan Warner	8:00 AM Rita St. Clair	8:10 AM Betty Brownfield	8:00 AM Grant Lieman 4:00-5:00 Confessions
Other Locations			11:30 St. Vincent Hospital Agnes Amrine		10:30 AM Crown Pointe Betty Brownfield	

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 7th & 8th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
Mass Intentions	Sebastian Piedra	Thomas & MaryAnn Chezem	Pro Populo	Charles Graybill	Intentions of the Cazares / Valensuela Families
Reader	Pam Farmen	Dan Novak	Josh Noll	Carol Fite	C. SanJuan
Eucharistic Ministers	Cheryl McKinney Joyce Stoner Joan Sauter Carol Cukrowicz Paul McKinney H	Tony Martin H Janice Martin Regina Albrecht	Ron Buckner Carol Buckner M. Kincaid Linda Ratliff Tim Kincaid H	Chris Harrold H Stephanie Metz H Rebecca Degitz Lynn Hensley Greg Kalisz Angie Pitts	F. Cazares R. Maldonado Juan Sanjuan Mayra Sierra M. Cazares H
Servers	Jacob Allison Michael Smith Kayla Smith	Dominic Bunch Alexa Carson Nick Long	Carolyn Pitts Irv Noll	Lilian Villegas E. Villegas Amaya Hensley	Jonathan Limon Y. Rodriguez Roxana Sierra

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



Stewardship

St. Ambrose \$ 5,074
 YTD \$ 368,489
 NTD \$ 611,000
 Roofs Matching Fund \$ 90,871 (Remaining \$49,750)

St. Mary \$ 7,588
 YTD \$ 436,815
 NTD \$ 846,000
 Renovation Fund \$ 318 (\$203,438 of \$330 K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

Dates to Remember:

December 4th— Advent Penance Service / First Reconciliation (details on pg. 5)

December 16th— Cleaning St. Ambrose Church for the Holidays (details on pg. 6)

That Man Is You

Come Join the men of That Man is You! Come be a part of breakfast, presentations, discussions, and prayer. We meet together on Saturday Mornings, from 6:00 to 7:15, at the Columbian Hall (K of C) behind the Toast Diner, and across from the library on Main street.

Be there; you'll be glad you were with us, and so will your family. Contact Mike Evans at (765) 602-0306 for more information.

December 7 Week 13 – Insurmountable Battle Wounds End of Fall Semester

- Speaker: Deacon Harold
 - The Cross We Give Our Children
 - A Hopeless Relationship
 - The Father Never Stops Looking For Us
- A Miraculous Conversion
 Never Too Late
 An Epic Story Of Divine Mercy



“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” (Psalm 122:1)

Advent Penance Service / Frist Reconciliation

There will be Communal Penance Services on Dec. 4th at St. Mary Church. The school children will be present at 1:30 PM, and the second service will be at 6:00 PM.

Habr  Servicios de Penitencia Comunal el 4 de diciembre en la Iglesia St. Mary. Los ni os de la escuela estar n presentes a la 1:30 PM, y el segundo servicio ser  a las 6:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Mary is on Thursdays from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

Santa Maria la Adoraci n es los jueves de 2:00 a 7:00 PM.

REFLECTION—MEMBERS OF ST. AMBROSE AND ST. MARY PARISHES MEET TO REFLECT ON THE COMING SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS each Tuesday from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM at Primrose Retirement Communities, 1118 W Cross St. on the 2nd floor in the first meeting room to the left as you get off the elevator. It is handicapped accessible.

Please Pray For ...

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes:

The Military: Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Sgt. Brock Acra stationed in California US Marine Corp. son of Greg and Sonia Acra. First Lt. Sean Scally, 82nd Airborne, grandson of Tom Chezem, United Arab Emirates; Lt. Daniel Perrine, son of Kimberly Lyle-Ippolito and Dan Ippolito.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for PEACE World Wide. God Bless us all! And be thankful for their service.

Traditional Latin Mass

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 58 West 5th Street in Peru, will have a traditional Latin Mass on December 1st at 2:00 PM. The celebrant will be Fr. Andrew Dekeyser. If you have any questions you may call 765-398-1935. If you are interested in singing with St. Dunstan Schola please call 765-210-4413.

Weekly Scriptures:

Sun. Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44; **Mon.** Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11; **Tues.** Is 11:1-10, LK 10:21-24; **Wed.** Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37; **Thurs.** Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21,24-27; **Fri.** Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31; **Sat.** Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

OUTREACH

'Tis the Season of Giving

You will notice in both churches, the Jesse tree at St. Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul tree at St. Ambrose. Please take a tag off the tree and bring that item back unwrapped and place it under the tree. These items will help others less fortunate during this time of the year.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is in desperate need of furniture such as dressers, small tables, and chairs among other pieces. You can drop these items off at the warehouse during their hours of Tues. 12:00-3:00, Thurs. 12:00-3:00 and Sat. 10:30-12:00. or call 642-5401 and schedule an appointment for them to pick up.

Cleaning St. Ambrose Church For the Holidays

If any of you are interested in cleaning St. Ambrose Church please plan on coming to the church after the morning Mass on December 16th, starting around 8:45 AM. Cleaning supplies will be furnished. If you have a little bucket and some cleaning towels or rags, please bring them along; otherwise, we will be in need of them. Hope to see you then!

Knights of Columbus

Friday, Dec. 6, 5-7:30PM—All you can eat pizza night (pizzas made in house by Francis Robinson). Adults -\$10 and children - \$5.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 5-7:30PM—Chicken Fry. Adults - \$10 and children \$5

Saturday, Dec. 21—Breakfast with Santa from 9 AM till Noon. Adults \$8 and children \$4.

There will be crafts and more to keep the children busy as well as them being able to talk to Santa. All kids will receive a goody bag. Menu includes: Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, assorted fruit, milk, coffee, and juice. HOHOHO, come and have a good time!



Implications of Evangelization

Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States speaks to the implications of evangelization, that it has both an inward and outward direction. Inwardly evangelization calls for our ongoing conversion both individually and as Church. The call of evangelization echoed Uniting in Heart: 2030 Pastoral Plan, particularly for our individual conversion so that the growth of faith and holiness in our diocese will spring forth from our personal conversion.





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Holy Cross School had a wonderful internal review visit from the Diocese of Lafayette! The school and its staff was observed and evaluated in four Domains-Catholic Mission & Identity, Operational Vitality, Governance & Leadership, & Academic Excellence. We are practicing many *Powerful Practices* & were recognized for our greatness by the Diocese of Lafayette. We thank the parishes for support in the mission of a Catholic education.

Elementary Christmas Program (K-5th Grds.) is on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the HCS North gym.

Penance Service at St. Mary Church on Wednesday, December 4th at 1:30 PM.

Middle School Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:00 PM in the HCS North gym.

Young Church

Sunday Religious Ed. Classes for December:

1st- First Communion 10:35 AM-11:20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

Confirmation 2:00 PM-3:30 PM St. Ambrose Assembly Hall

4th- 1:30 PM St. Mary Church 1st Reconciliation- Advent Penance Service

6:00 PM St. Mary Church 1st Reconciliation- Advent Penance Service

8th- SRE/ All classes 10:35 AM-11:20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

15th-SRE/ All classes 10:35 AM-11:20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

Ed. Religiosa Dominical Clases para diciembre:

12-1 - Primera Comuni3n 10:35 AM-11: 20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

Confirmaci3n 2:00 PM-3: 30 PM St. Ambrose Assembly Hall

12-4- 1:30 PM Iglesia de Santa Mar3a 1ª Reconciliaci3n - Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

6:00 PM Iglesia de Santa Mar3a Primera Reconciliaci3n - Servicia de Penitencia de Adviento

12-8- SRE / Todas las clases 10:35 AM-11: 20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus

12-15-SRE / Todas las clases 10:35 AM-11: 20 AM Holy Cross School North Campus



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