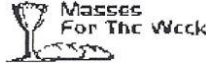


ST. AMBROSE CHURCH  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

APRIL 9, 2017

Monday, April 10  
8:00AM Souls In  
Purgatory



Tuesday, April 11  
8:00AM Esther D. Ramos  
Wednesday, April 12  
8:00AM Bradley Barron  
7:00PM Tenita Sanchez

## SUMMARY REPORT-2017 St. Ambrose - Houston DSF 17

Parish Goal:	\$72,000.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$37,656.50
Total Amount Pledged:	\$59,657.50
Total Number of Participants:	221
Total Number of Households:	1,982
Average Participant Pledge:	269.94
Paid Over (Under) Goal:	(\$34,343.50)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal:	(\$12,342.50)
Percent Paid:	52.30

April 13 - Holy Thursday  
7:00PM Bilingual Jose Mendez

April 14 - Good Friday  
3:00PM Veneration of the Cross  
6:00PM (Spanish) Via Crucis - Stations of the Cross  
7:00PM (Spanish) Veneration of the Cross

April 15 - Holy Saturday  
8:30PM (Bilingual) Raul Munoz, Jr. and Juan Raul Munoz

April 16 - Easter Sunday  
8:00AM Aldo and Piera Fontana  
10:00AM Mary Bartniski  
12:00Noon (Spanish) Souls In Purgatory

Please Note - There will be no 5:00PM Mass on  
Easter Sunday

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION** - The Holy Land Collection will be on Good Friday, April 14. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by the Pope. Holy Land Christians, along with all the clergy and religious working there, deeply appreciate your help.

Funds from the Holy Land Collection provide presence, care and service to the people who are living in the Holy Land. The collection helps to preserve important shrines critical in the history of the Christian Faith, support pastoral care to the Christian community and provide for the poor through housing development and scholarship opportunities. All Christians are called to assist our brothers and sisters who now live in the land that was sanctified by the Lord's life, death, and resurrection. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Robert "Bob" Hardey, III, father of Tom Hardey and daughter-in-law Cary Hardy. Pray that God grant peace and comfort to his loved ones.

### GIFTS FOR GOD (April 2, 2017)

### Stewardship Parish Prayer

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, in am. It will be holy, in am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Adapted from the stewardship prayer of the Diocese of San Diego

Envelopes	\$ 9,755.00
Loose	\$ 5,804.20
Mail Ins	\$ <u>1,363.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,922.20</b>

**WE GRIEVE** is a Bereavement Group for those who have lost a loved one. We will not meet on April 13 or April 20. Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 27, in Room B at 1:15PM. If you have any questions, please call Sister Charline.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY** - Prayer blankets are lap size, made with two coordinating pieces of material, sewn with love and prayers for those who receive them. This prayer blanket is a symbol of a faith-sharing community's "covering of prayer" for the individuals who use them. If you can sew some prayer blankets, please call Sister Charline 713-858-1613.

## PALM SUNDAY



### Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017

Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-18, 19-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:1-54
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3,13-14; In 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15-17; In J3:2U~, 3~8
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Thursday of Holy Week Chrism Mass: Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1 :5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; In 13:1-15
Friday	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6,12-13,15-16,17,25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; In 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2,5-6, 10,12,13-14,24,35; or Ps 33:4-5,6-7,12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10,11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4,5-6,17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3,4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; 1>s 42:3, 5; 43:3,4; or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,22-23; Col3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; In 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24: 13-35

### THE CHURCH IS PARTICIPATING IN A VOCATION CROSS PROGRAM

We pray for all who generously share in Church ministry, in particular for sisters, brothers, priests and deacons. The following individuals are looking for volunteers to take the Vocation Cross for one week.

Please sign the calendar in the narthex if you want to take the Vocation Cross home for a week. R

WIDOW~ AND WIDOWERS are invited to meet for a meal today, Sunday, April 9, at Jax Grill, 1613 Shepherd Drive. You may call Sister Charline for more information or just show up.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St. Ambrose will offer a preparation program for adult, practicing Catholics who wish to be Confirmed. To be a part of this program you must:

- be at least 18 years of age,
- have already made your first Communion and first Reconciliation.
- If you are married, your marriage must have taken place in the Catholic Church.
- If you are "living together", you must be willing to marry by the church.

English - Candidates will be required to attend three preparation retreats:

Saturday, April 29th, 9:00AM to 2:30PM  
 Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:30PM  
 Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00AM to 2:30AM

Candidates will be expected to attend both retreats. Because this is an "intensive" program, we cannot make exceptions.

To register:

Contact the office of Religious Education and make an appointment with Diana Sanchez at 713-686-3857 or [sacraments@stambrosehouston.org](mailto:sacraments@stambrosehouston.org)

All those who complete this Confirmation program (without any absences) will be confirmed at the Archdiocesan celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, May 3, in the auditorium at 7:00PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this meeting. No meeting will be held in June, July, or August This will be the last meeting until September

The Altar Society provides altar care and supplies for the church, hosts the concessions at bingo, makes Baptismal garments for infants. They also provide the Dessert Booth at the Parish Bazaar. Come and make new friends and join a very active ministry of St. Ambrose Parish.

### MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB will meet on Monday, April 17, at 7:00PM in the auditorium. This meeting is for all men of the parish. Come and meet your fellow parishioners and become a member of this very important organization at St. Ambrose.

ST. AMBROSE FAMILY BAZAAR IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY!!! SUPPORT YOUR PARISH AND SELL THOSE TICKETS.

## ST. AMBROSE BAZAAR

4213 Mangum Road

APRIL 30, 2017

11:00AM - 7:00PM

### BAZAAR NEWS

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please make sure to pick up your raffle tickets in the back of the church. One of the best ways to support our Parish Bazaar is through the sale of raffle tickets. Ask your family members, co-workers, and neighbors to help support the parish through the raffle. You'd be surprised at how much a single book of sold raffle tickets helps our bottom line. Even if you can't make it to Bazaar itself, it's a great way to show your support. If you have any questions for Bazaar you can email [bazaar@stambroshouston.org](mailto:bazaar@stambroshouston.org).

**VOLUNTEERS:** Make plans to join us April 30<sup>th</sup> 11am to 7pm, and plan to volunteer for a shift or two at one of the booths. You can sign up online @ <https://stambroshouston.org> CLICK ON Bazaar Volunteer Sign Up. It's a great day to put your faith into action and meet fellow members of St. Ambrose Parish.



**CHILLI COOKOFF:** Got your team ready!!! A few spots are still available. \$50 to enter team. Registration deadline April 25<sup>th</sup>. Awards: People's Choice, Judges Choice, and Best Decorations. For more information contact Gerald Nixon at 713-569-7325. Donation of Items:

**GIFT CARD BOOTH:** grocery stores, restaurants, gas cards, iTunes, Home Depot, Lowes, Dicks Sporting, Best Buy, Academy or any other store.

**The PLANT BOOTH:** will take donations of plants and \$\$\$ to purchase plants. If you donate a plant, please make sure to label the name of the plant. For more information please call Nancy Pulido at 713-688-0115.

**The SILENT AUCTION** accepts donations such as themed baskets, collections, new retail items (typically of fashion and decorative nature), decorative artwork, collegiate (Texas A&M, UT, LSv., Texas Ttate, Texas Tech), etc), Texas themed wall hanging, handmade woodworking, and certificates for unique services. Contact Leticia Turner at 713-201-4409.



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BAZAAR  
2017 SPONSORS:

The Jez Family, The Henry Family, St .Ambrose Golden Youth" st. Ambrose Altar Society, The Pechacek Family; Controlled Air, Catholic Daughters of America, The Farek Family, The Hernandez Family, Summertime Investments, The Korst Family, " South Texas Exterminating, F.A. Alcaide School Bus, Independent Bank, Morales Funeral, Ms. Bernie King, St. Ambrose Men's Club, Steiner Auto, Veronica Stevens, Clinica La Salud, LLC, and St. Ambrose Men's Club Bingo.

**Sponsor!** If you know any business or individuals who would like to be a sponsor, please call us. We are still in need of sponsors. companies, businesses or groups who want to be a Bazaar Partner by sponsoring a Booth or the Bazaar in general. To be a Sponsor or partner, please contact the parish office at 713 686 3497 or donate online through our parish website at [@https://stambroshouston.org](https://stambroshouston.org)

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**OFFICE CLOSED** - The Church Office will close on Holy Thursday, April 13, at 12:00Noon and be closed on Friday, April 14, and Monday, April 17. We will open on Tuesday, April 18, at our regular office hour of 8:00AM.



**BINGO** will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:15PM in the auditorium. Bring your family and neighbors for an evening of fun and camaraderie. We will be calling two (2) Bonus Ball Numbers.

**SCHOOL NEWS** - The students of St. Ambrose School will dismiss on Thursday, April 13, at Noon and return on Tuesday, April 18, at their regular time.

**UPCOMING DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS**  
Catholic Home Missions on April 23-23 and Trinity Dome Collection on May 13-14, 2017.

## PALM SUNDAY

**Domingo 9 de Abril de 2017**  
**Domingo de Ramos**

Isaias 50,4-7: No me tape el rostro ante los ultrajes  
Salmo 21: [Dios mio, Dios mio! ~Por que me has abandonado?  
Filipenses 2,6-11: Se humill6, por eso Dios lo ensalz6 sobre todo

Mateo 26,14-27,66: Pasión de N. S. Jesucristo

Cada año, acompañando a Jesús que entra en Jerusalén, nos disponemos a iniciar la Semana Santa. La liturgia nos lleva a acompañar a Jesús con palmas y ramos. Es algo muy bello. Con ese gesto proclamamos que la salvación nos llega a través de un rey que se presenta manso y humilde, montado sobre un pollino. Frente a la lógica del mundo que busca el poder de la fuerza o del dinero, nosotros confesamos, con signos de alegría, que Jesús es el rey que nos va a salvar mediante la cruz.

El Señor ha elegido un camino paradójico: viene a conquistar, pero no se presenta amenazante; quiéreme venerar y acude desarmado; tiene todo el poder y no opone resistencia a quienes lo maltratan... Es algo misterioso. Pero la alegría, que se expresa sobre todo en los más pequeños cuando agitan sus ramos, es todo un signo que nos recuerda que tras la pasión viene la resurrección. Así, la liturgia de hoy resume todo lo que vamos a celebrar durante los próximos días,

Las lecturas nos hablan de la humillación de Jesús. Isaías nos presenta al siervo sufriente que es maltratado sin ofrecer resistencia. San Pablo resume en su himno el abajamiento de Cristo, *tomando la condición de esclavo*, hasta la muerte en cruz. En el evangelio se narra la pasión según San Mateo. El Señor ha elegido el camino de la humillación para salvarnos y mostrarnos su amor. La contemplación detenida de los textos nos muestra como es el amor de Cristo. Es un amor traicionado. Lo vemos en Judas, que lo vende por unas monedas; en los discípulos, que lo abandonan: en Pedro, que lo niega por tres veces: en el pueblo, que había visto sus milagros y conocido su misericordia y que grita pidiendo que lo crucifiquen; en las autoridades religiosas, que lo entregan al poder de la autoridad pagana.

Es un amor maltratado. San Mateo relata que Jesús es abofeteado, escupido, azotado, coronado de espinas, golpeado con una caña en la cabeza, crucificado. Es un amor del que se hace mofa. Los soldados se burlan de él y lo disfrazan de rey para ridiculizarlo, divertirse y hacerle daño. Y estando en cruz le hablan con sarcasmo diciéndole que se salve a sí mismo o que venga Elías a salvarlo.

Es un amor humillado. Jesús sufre la infamia de ser condenado por una autoridad inicua. Ve como prefieren a un homicida antes que a él, y lo condenan a morir en la cruz, una pena reservada a los esclavos y a los peores criminales. Las autoridades religiosas lo tratan de blasfemo y pecador; las civiles, con desprecio, como un expediente molesto del que hay que librarse. Decía el papa Francisco que no hay humildad sin humillación, La humildad de Cristo se nos muestra con

toda claridad en las humillaciones que soportó con absoluta mansedumbre, movido por su amor a nosotros.

Es un amor que llega hasta el extremo. No solo porque Jesús entrega su vida por nosotros, sino también por el modo en que lo hace. Se da del todo y el abismo de su entrega queda manifestado en su grito: *Dios mio, Dios mio, ¿por que me has abandonado?* Su amor nos habla de la verdadera libertad: esa con la que él se entrega, la misma que quiéreme ganar para nosotros. En el inicio de esta Semana Santa, pidamos conocer mejor ese amor de Cristo y dejemos transformarnos por él.

Con la colaboración de Magnificat

### Horario de Serriana Santa

Jueves Santo Abril 13, 2017

7:00 P.M. Misa Bilingue

Viernes Santo Abril 14, 2017

Veneración de la Cruz - Inglés 3:00 P.M.

Vía Crucis - Español 6:00 P.M.

Veneración de la Cruz - Español 7:00 P.M.

y después Procesión al Santo Sepulcro

Sábado de Gloria Abril 15, 2017

Pesame a la Virgen y los 7 dolores 12:30 P.M.

Vigilia Pascual- Bilingue - 8:30 P.M.

Domingo de Pascua Abril 16, 2017

Misas: 8:00 y 10:00 A.M. Inglés

12:00 P.M. Español

No Habrá Misa a las 5:00 P.M.



### Misa de Jóvenes

La misa es a las 5:00 p.m.

1er y 3er domingo en español

2do y 4to domingo en Inglés

5to domingo del mes será bilingue

### Adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento



Oración y meditación ante el Santísimo Sacramento son dos maneras de ofrecer a Dios. Usted puede pedir por sus necesidades o las de sus seres queridos, reflexionar en su palabra o solamente acompañarlo. El realmente quiéreme verte. La Exposición son todos los miércoles después de la misa de 8:00 a.m. hasta las 6:45 p.m. en la capilla. Seguido de la misa en español a las 6:30 p.m.

## Horario de Servicios

Lunes a Sabado

8:00 a.m. Misa en Ingles

Miercoles

7:00 p.m. Misa en Espafiol

ler. Viernes del Mes

7:00 p.m. Misa en Espariol

Sabado

5:00 p.m. Misa en Ingles

Domingo

8:00 y 10:00 a.m. Misa en Ingles

12:00 p.m. Misa en Espafiol

5:00 p.m. Misa ~e J6venes

Miercoles

Exposici6n del Santisimo 8:30 a.m. a 6:45 p.m.

Rosario en Espanol 10:00 a.m.

Oraci6n de la Divina Misericordia 3:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Miercoles de 6:00 a 6:45 p.m.

Sabado de 3:30 a 4:30 p.m.



Te invitamos a rezar el Santo Rosario en la iglesia cada domingo alas 11 :30 a.m. para prepararnos a celebrar la Santa Eucaristia,

## CLASES DE CONFIRMACION PARA ADUL TOS

San Ambrosio ofrecera un programa de preparaci6n para adultos, cat6licos practicantes, que deseen recibir el sacramento de la Confirmaci6n. Para calificar para este programa usted debe:

Tener al menos 18 arios de edad

- Haber recibido la primera comuni6n y reconciliaci6n Si esta casado, debe estar casado por la iglesia
- Si esta "viviendo junto", de be estar dispuesto a casarse por la iglesia

Para registrarse:

Contacte la Oficina de Educaci6n Religiosa y haga una cita con Diana Sanchez 713-686-3857 or

[sacraments@stambrosehouston.org](mailto:sacraments@stambrosehouston.org)

Los candidatos deberan asistir a tres retiros de preparaci6n:

1. Sabado, Abril 29, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
2. Sabado, Mayo 13, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
3. Sabado, Junio 3, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Los tres retiros son indispensables para completar el programa. Ya que este es un programa "intensivo", no se podran hacer excepciones al respecto.

Quienes asistan a este programa, sin faltar a ninguna sesi6n, celebraran el sacramento de la Confirmaci6n el 4 de Junio.



Se les in vita a los miembros activos e inactivos de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul a la Misa del Jueves Santo Abril 13, alas 7:00 p.m. para celebrar la Instituci6n de la Santa Eucaristia para preparamos para la Pascua.

## BAUTIZOS



Los bautizos son el domingo despues de la Misa de 12:00 p.m

Las fechas de Ios bautizos son las siguientes:

21 de Mayo

18 de [unio

16 de Julio

20 de Agosto

Necesita llenar la forma de registro y entregarla con una copia del certificado de nacimiento del bebe, Los papas y los padrinos deben tornar las clases para bautizos.

### Clases para bautizos:

Las clases para bautizos son el primero y segundo martes del mes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el sal6n A

Las siguientes clases para bautizos son:

Mayo 2 y 9,2017

Junio 6 y 13, 2017

Julio 4 Y 11,2017

Agosto 1 Y 8,2017

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### "Vayany Formen Discipulos"

### Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos

## Reporte a la fecha del DSF 2017

Meta de la Parroquia	\$72,000.00
Cantidad pagada a la fecha:	\$37,656.50
Donaciones prometidas:	\$59,657.50
Numero Total de Participantes:	221
Numero Total de Miembros	1982
Promesa Promedio de participantes:	\$ 269.94
Porcentaje Pagado	52.30
Cantidad faltante de Pagar:	(\$34,343.50)
Donaciones Prometidas faltantes:	(\$12,342.50)



Te gustaria aprender a tocar Guitarra

Las clases son los martes para todas las edades de 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.

Para mas informaci6n comunice

con Nee Ramirez 281-746-8454

## Bendiciones especiaJes

- ~ Eller domingo es la bendici6n para los que cumplen afios en el meso
- ~ EI 2do domingo del mes es la presentaci6n de los nines de 3 afios.
- ~ EI 3er domingo del mes es la bendici6n para las parejas por su aniversario de bodas.
- ~ EI 4to domingo es la bendici6n para los niilos recién nacidos.

## PALM SUNDAY

### FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

### THOUGHTS TO PONDER

**Sunday Masses, special Archdiocesan Liturgies, and other services and celebrations.**

Anyone with an interest in Music or Singing is encouraged to join one of the choirs briefly outlined below. For more information, please contact

**Veronica Stevens, Music Director**, at 281-440-4445, or visit with her after any weekend Mass.

**CHORALE**, Saturday evening Mass at 5:00PM  
Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

**FAMILY CHOIR**, Sunday Mass at 8:00AM  
Contact Bob Korst at 713-688-0046

**LITURGICAL CHOIR**, Sunday Mass at 10:00AM  
Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

**SPANISH CHOIR**, Sunday Mass at 12:00Noon  
Contact Alpha Omega Cruz- 281-808-3430

**RCIA**, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process whereby adults learn about the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about our faith, Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, call the Religious Education Office at 713-686-3857.

"Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love.

It assures us that this love is trustworthy and worth embracing, for it is based on GOD's faithfulness which is stronger than our very weakness. "



St. Ambrose Catholic School is Pre-K3-8<sup>h</sup> Grade and has an Early Childhood Center for infants to two years of age. We are located at 4213 Mangum Road, Houston, Texas 77092.

If you have any questions regarding our school and what is offered for your child, please call 713-686-6990 or e-mail Christine Langeland at [clangeland@sashomets.org](mailto:clangeland@sashomets.org).