



Monday, December 12
 8:00AM Victorio Assandria
 7:00PM(Spanish) In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 13
 8:00AM Jerry A. Noske

Wednesday, December 14
 8:00AM Pauline Morin
 7:00PM(Spanish) M/M Raymond Herrera

Thursday, December 15
 8:00AM Anne Tullo

Friday, December 16
 8:00AM Veronica Ramsden

Saturday, December 17
 8:00AM Pete and Frances Stankovich
 5:00PM Lupe Rendon Arechiga

Sunday, December 18
 8:00AM Johnson Dang
 10:00AM Bradley Barron
 12:00Noon(Spanish) Souls In Purgatory
 5:00PM(Spanish) Maria Hutchings

**ST. AMBROSE 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 Spirit is calling men and women and preparing boys and girls from our day school and CCE program to serve in the Church. May our prayer for vocations inspire all of us to listen attentively to the call of God's Spirit and respond with generous hearts.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS – Let us know your willingness to take a **Vocation Cross** home for one week and pray for vocations.

During the month of December, the following are finding volunteers:

Carole Nunez	Saturdays	5:00 Mass
Isabel Hernandez	Sundays	8:00 Mass
Mike Zientek	Sundays	10:00 Mass

You may also call Sister Charline at 713-858-1613 for any questions that you may have.

Father will present you with the **Vocation Cross** and prayers at the Mass you are assigned. At the end of your week, return the **Vocation Cross** and prayers to one of the ushers **BEFORE** Mass begins.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus teaches us to live optimistically. If it weren't for the peak experiences of love, the smallest and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could despair. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. Pray for your vocation.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULE
2016

Christmas Vigil, December 24, 2014

4:00PM Christmas Concert
5:00PM (English) Children's Liturgy
7:00PM Spanish Mass

9:00PM Carols
10:00PM(English) Mass

Christmas Day, December 25

8:00AM(English) and 10:00(English)
12:00Noon Spanish

NEW YEAR EVE, DECEMBER 31

5:00PM English Mass

NEW YEAR DAY, JANUARY 1

8:00AM(English) and 10:00AM(English)
12:00Noon (Spanish) and 5:00PM(Spanish)



PENANCE SERVICE – Our Parish Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00PM. You and your family are invited to come and prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord.



ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

Before and after the Masses
Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18
Narthex and Room A

Angels, baby items, crocheted and knitted items, jewelry, ornaments, pillows, snowmen, table linens, wreaths, and more

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SISTER CHARLINE AT 713-858-1613.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of decorating the church at Christmas in memory of a loved one, you may do so. Christmas Flower envelopes will be at the back of the church. **Please use these only as a donation for flowers and not as your regular tithe envelope.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Please remember the following who have asked for our prayers: Maria Isabel Araujo, Tammy Babineck, Catherine Bangers, Laverne Borora, Jesus Calvillo Jr., John Culver, Albina Diehl, Ava Hamilton, Alice + Hernandez, Bill Kominczak, Henry Kopycinski, Ellen Marinucci, Robert McCullough, Jr., Jack Moore, Pearley Nelson, Peter and Nina Peropoulous, Ora Nell Petrash, Cathy Tullo, Araceli Rocha, Sammy Romano, Sophia Romano, Christopher Sarchet, Marjie Waltmon, David Zaborowski, and Raul Zamarripa. .



Let us pray for all those who have given their life for our freedom and for those who are serving in our military at home and abroad and especially the following: Victor J. Broussard, Peter Zachary Carroll, Samuel Castillo, Brandon Cook, Matthew Cook, Master Sgt., Dean Crawford, Robert Freedman, Olivia Garza, Matthew Grissom, Timothy Groh, Lee Anthony Guerrero, Andrew S. Gutierrez, Christopher Hernandez, Lucas Hernandez, Matthew Hernandez, Mia Hernandez, Sean Dietrich Hrcir, Samuel Dylan Hrcir, Captain Mary Hrynyk, Captain Jason Hrynyk, Anthony Handy, Ivan Ibabao, Elizabeth Grassmann Ibabao, Robert Marquez, Jr., Captain Andrew Locke, Daniel Martinez, John Martinez, Major Kelly McGovern, Gamaliel Nava, Tony Noser, Dominic Patronella, Jeremy Redman, Captain Jonathan Reed, Casey Rogers, Daniel Salinas, The Smith Family, Oscar Sicola, Mertie St. Pierre, Adam M. Styers, and James Andrew Tamarro.

LET US MEET FOR A MEAL - Widows and widowers are invited to meet today, December 11, at 2:00PM at Spaghetti Western, 1951 T. C. Jester. For more information call Sister Charline at 713-858-1613 or just show up!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention Ladies of St. Ambrose – Cenacle Silent Lenten Retreat – Once again our parish ladies are invited to attend a retreat at the Cenacle Retreat House, 420 N. Kirkwood, just off the Katy Freeway in on March 10-12, 2017. The days are scheduled with conferences with our retreat master.

Don't miss a truly wonderful weekend. Transportation will be arranged. Call Juana Sandoval for more information or answers for any questions which you may have at 713-688-0702.



Christmas is near! It is time to sign up for the Christmas Pageant. All children who would like to be part of the Christmas Eve 5:00PM Mass, please call Betty Smaistrila at 713-688-6479. We need shepherds, angels, stars, etc.

Practice will be Christmas Eve morning, December 24, at 10:00AM.



St. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Come and sing or play an instrument with the Children's Choir at our Christmas Eve Concert Mass. Join the fun in singing some of our favorite Christmas Carols. Ages 9 to 18 years are invited to participate. Also, parents are welcomed to join their children. Soloist opportunities for singers and instrumentalists also available.

This is your opportunity to be a part of our Children's Christmas Choir. We are taking extra youth and families to participate for Christmas music.

For more information about rehearsal schedule, please contact St. Ambrose Music Director, Mrs. Stevens, at 281-440-4445.



Readings for the Week of DECEMBER 11, 2016

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will.

We ask this through our LORD Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Each year the office of St. Vincent de Paul Society distributes Christmas gifts to boys and girls, as well as senior men and women. These gifts are generously provided by the St. Ambrose parish and community.

The Annual Christmas Tree event begins shortly. Please choose an ornament from the tree and bring your gift and put it under the tree. To insure that our friends in need will receive a gift, **please bring your present no later than December 18th**. Young and old will be blessed this Christmas by your loving generous hearts!

We are truly grateful for your charitable support and contributions throughout the year. We know it is a tight schedule this year, but with your help we can pull it off.

May you and your families be blessed during this Christmas holiday and the coming new year.

Merry Christmas,

St. Vincent de Paul Society

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is every Wednesday after the 8:00AM Mass in the Chapel.

THE NATIVITY

The Nativity, a Christmas play, will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at 7:00PM (doors open at 6:00PM) at the Catholic Charismatic Center, 1919 Cullen Blvd., Houston. Admission is free. All are invited to attend. Call 713-236-9977 for more information or go to www.cccgh.com.



St. Ambrose Catholic School is Pre-K3-8th Grade and has a 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@sashornets.org.

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SCHOOL DISMISSAL for the students of St. Ambrose for the Christmas/New Year holidays will begin on Friday, December 16 at 12:00Noon.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, December 10 and 11, we will have our annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. As you consider this year's appeal, please reflect on the role of religious in your own life. You likely have witnessed the selfless dedication of religious serving in Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals and in numerous other areas of ministry. Much of this work is done quietly and without recognition. Please remember the contributions religious have made and continue to make to your parish, diocese, and Church. Ministry. Please give what you can and give from the heart. Above all, please pray for God's continued blessing on all women and men religious.

GIFTS FOR GOD (December 4, 2016)

Offertory Envelopes	\$10,069.00
Loose Checks	\$ 3,821.05
Mail -Ins	\$ 205.00
Total	\$14,095.00

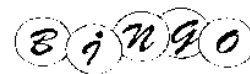
Thank you for your generosity.

Finance Council

DSF Parish Collection was: \$1,544.00



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.



St. Ambrose Bingo will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:15PM. This will be our last Bingo for the year. We will be calling One (1) Bonus Ball Number. We will have special surprises, so bring your friends and neighbors.

Please be advised that we will not have Bingo on December 20th or December 27th. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:15PM.

We want to say thank you for patronizing our Bingo games, and we appreciate your continued support.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year,

Bingo Team Members

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Domingo 11 de Diciembre 2016

3er. Domingo de Adviento

Isaías 35,1-6.10: Dios viene en persona y los salvará

Salmo 145: Ven, Señor, sálvanos

Santiago 5,7-10: Manténganse firmes, porque la venida del Señor está cerca

Mateo 11,2-11: ¿Eres tú el que ha de venir?

La primera y la segunda lectura de hoy, del profeta **Isaías** y del apóstol **Santiago**, coinciden en el mensaje: merece la pena esperar, hay que esperar, debemos esperar, porque viene nuestro Dios, él mismo viene en persona, y trae el desquite... Hay que tener paciencia, porque es inminente su llegada, ya está a la puerta...

No dudamos de que esta forma de plantear la esperanza, de vivirla y de transmitirla, ha sido útil y muy eficaz para muchas generaciones anteriores a nosotros, pero tampoco dudamos de que hoy día, ese planteamiento pudiera no servir ya.

- Este motivo aducido clásicamente para fundamentar la esperanza de que **Alguien viene**, alguien *va a irrumpir apocalípticamente* en nuestra vida, incluso con *inminencia*, y de que nuestra esperanza consista en «esperar» (de *espera*, no de *esperanza*) su llegada... no resulta hoy ya plausible.

Ese esquema conceptual según el cual Dios ha anunciado que *vuelve*, en una *segunda venida* que sellará el *final del mundo*, y que nosotros estamos por tanto en un *tiempo intermedio*, incierto y amenazado por la espada colgante (de Damocles) de esa sorpresa divina que llegará como la *visita del ladrón*... ha sido una imagen poderosa, que ha cautivado la atención de muchas generaciones, pero que hoy empieza ya a no funcionar.

- Esa idea de que debemos esperar que en el futuro Dios va a castigar a los malos... y así «poner las cosas en su sitio» y vengar las maldades de los que nos han hecho daño... probablemente fue muy efectiva en otro tiempo, como lo ha sido en pedagogía todo lo referente a los premios y castigos, las buenas y las malas notas, pero hoy ya muy pocas mentes lúcidas pueden aceptar que la pedagogía humana infantil pueda ser aplicada al misterio existencial del ser humano.

El evangelio de **Mateo** nos presenta la llamada «prueba mesiánica». Juan el Bautista desde la cárcel manda emisarios para preguntarle a Jesús si es él el esperado o si deben esperar a otro. Jesús no responde con algunas pruebas teológicas, ni con citas bíblicas apologéticas, o con algunos dogmas o doctrinas, sino que se remite y remite a los consultantes a los puros hechos, que pueden ser «vistos y oídos»: «los ciegos ven, los inválidos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios... y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio, la Buena Noticia». Estos «hechos», estas buenas noticias, son la prueba de identidad del Mesías. Y serán, tienen que ser, la prueba de identidad de quienes sigan al Mesías, al *Xristós*, o sea, los «cristianos». Sólo si nuestra vida produce

esos mismos hechos, sólo si somos «buena noticia para los pobres», sólo entonces estaremos siendo seguidores de aquel Mesías, del *Xristós*, o sea, «cristianos».

Con la colaboración de Servicio Bíblico Latinoamericano

Horario de Servicios

Lunes a Sábado

8:00 a.m. Misa en Ingles

Miércoles

7:00 p.m. Misa en Español

1er. Viernes del Mes

7:00 p.m. Misa en Español

Sábado

5:00 p.m. Misa en Ingles

Domingo

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

12:00 p.m. Misa en Español

5:00 p.m. Misa de Jóvenes

Miércoles

Exposición del Santísimo 8:30 a.m. a 6:45 p.m.

Rosario en Español 10:00 a.m.

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

Confesiones

Miércoles de 6:00 a 6:45 p.m.

Sábado de 3:30 a 4:30 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 bilingüe



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

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 acompañarle. El realmente quiere 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.



CONFESIONES

Nuestro servicio penitencial de adviento será el
Martes 13 de Diciembre a las 7:00 P.M.

Haga planes para reconciliarse con Dios, con la Iglesia y con todos por medio del Sacramento del Perdón y Sanación Espiritual.



Ven a ser parte del Coro de Niños durante la Misa en Ingles del 24 de Diciembre. Para más información llama a Verónica Stevens al 281-440-4445



APRENDE A ORAR PARA APRENDER A VIVIR

Fundador: Padre Ignacio Larrañaga

Por medio de un complejo extremado de meditaciones sobre la palabra, oración intensiva, reflexión comunitaria y ejercicios de silenciamientos irás superando paso a paso el mundo interior de angustias, ansiedades y tristezas.

Como efecto de una vivencia profunda de la fe y del abandono, irás inundándote de una profunda paz.

Este taller es gratis el cual consta de 15 sesiones y dará inicio el Lunes 6 de Febrero del 2017 de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. para más información llame a Griselda Blanco al 713-409-2825

Venta de Manualidades y artículos de Navidad
17 y 18 de Diciembre
Antes y después de cada misa en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.



Compre sus regalos aquí y colabore con la iglesia. Para más información llame a la Sr. Charline al 713-686-3497

Necesitamos de su ayuda Se ofrece comida a la familia que ha perdido un ser querido después de su funeral. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar en este Ministerio favor de comunicarse con la Hna. Charline 713-682-2242 o email charlineschl@peoplepc.com



Cada año la sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl distribuye regalos de Navidad a niños y niñas y a personas mayores de edad. Estos regalos son donados generosamente por los miembros de la parroquia de San Ambrosio.

Este evento anual consiste en que usted escoge un adorno del árbol de navidad que está en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia el cual tiene la información si es para niño o niña o para un adulto. Para asegurar que estas personas reciban un regalo, les pedimos que traigan sus regalos no más tardar para el 18 de Diciembre y lo ponga debajo del árbol de Navidad.

Agradecemos su apoyo y las contribuciones que dieron durante todo el año. Y deseamos que Dios les colme de bendiciones durante esta Navidad y que tengan un muy prospero año nuevo 2017.

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul

BAUTIZOS



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

Las fechas de los bautizos son las siguientes:
18 de Diciembre

Necesita llenar la forma de registro y entregarla con una copia del certificado de nacimiento del bebé. Los papás y los padrinos deben tomar 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 salón A

Las siguientes clases para bautizos son:
Diciembre 6 & 13, 2016

POSADAS NAVIDENAS



El Ministerio Hispano los invita a las Posadas Navideñas con las cuales nos prepararemos para el nacimiento del Niño Jesús empezando el Viernes 16 a las 7:00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

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 3-688-0046

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

REMINDER – Our Church Is A No Cologne/Perfume Zone - Please help us provide a comfortable worship space for all who are attending Mass. Colognes and perfumes trigger allergic reactions in many people. Please help us provide healthy air for all to breathe. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP –

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

The Christian Stewardship concept holds that all we are, all that we have are gifts from God and that we have been truly blessed by Him. The concept of Christian Stewardship suggests that we are given three gifts which can be symbolic of the three gifts presented by the Magi at Christ's birth.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

IT TAKES MUCH EFFORT JUST TO make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? Jesus said: "I will put my spirit in you that you may live." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience Jesus's love through your spouse in a unique way. Marriage Encounter gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. To Find out more about upcoming weekends, visit www.houstonme.org or call 713-482-1791.
