

# Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

## **Pastor**

Rev. Steven Zehler  
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## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am  
and 11:00am

## **Daily Mass Schedule**

M,T,F 8:00am  
Wednesday 6:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am

## **Confessions**

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm  
Wednesday 5:00 – 5:30pm

## **Church Staff**

Office Manager:  
Terri Sowards  
Office Assistant:  
Marybeth Gaetano  
Religious Ed. Coordinator:  
Christine Humphries  
Music Director:  
Tom Rivers  
Youth Ministry Coordinator:  
Chris Fisk

## **Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday  
9:00am to 2:00pm

## **Church Address**

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September 5, 2021 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year of Saint Joseph

*Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
in the Catholic tradition since 1875*



## Ministry Contact List

**Altar Servers:** Parish Office 904-692-1366  
**Fair Chairman:** Frank DuPont 904-814-2276  
**Finance Council:** Larry Clark [larryaclarck@gmail.com](mailto:larryaclarck@gmail.com)  
**Music Director:** Tom Rivers [tomj@aug.com](mailto:tomj@aug.com)  
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**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Chris Fisk  
[stambministries@windstream.net](mailto:stambministries@windstream.net)  
**Pastoral Council:** Nancy Dupont, Church Office 904-692-1366  
**Prayer List:** Donna Rogero [donnarogero@att.net](mailto:donnarogero@att.net) 386-325-5230  
**RCIA:** Parish Office 904-692-1366  
**Respect Life:** Ana Martin 904-692-4927 & Kathleen Quinones  
**Religious Education:** Christine Humphries  
[stamreled@windstream.net](mailto:stamreled@windstream.net)  
**Sacristan:** Maggie Hill 904-797-2733

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please take a few minutes to complete a confidential registration form which can be found in the Church lobby. You may hand the completed form to a Welcome Minister or mail it to the office. Thank you.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners should contact the Pastor before setting a wedding date. Normal preparation time is 8 months which includes a required Diocesan marriage preparation program.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered and active members of the Parish for at least six months prior to the Baptism. A Baptismal Class for the parents and godparents is required. Please call the office for more information.

### SPIRITUAL OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY

If you have a spiritual or medical emergency, please call Father Steven at the emergency number: 904-436-3056. No texting please.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

For those parishioners who can no longer attend Mass, you can still receive Holy Communion. Our Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring the Lord to your home. Father Steven also makes First Friday visitations to provide the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession. Call the office at 904-692-1366 to arrange a visit.



*We ask everyone in the parish to pray for the people on the prayer list. Blessings!*

Chris Barnes Family, Jackie & Dan Barry, Laura Boyd, Sharon Brown, Betty Jo Brubaker, Carrie Brubaker, Chad Corbett, Jim Devlin, Maureen Devlin, Joan Dietrich, Fred Duquette, Daniel Eggland, Rik Freeney, Baby Girl Feibel, Gail Freeman, Annalee Freund, Jacob, Ashley and Baby Fulford, Pat Gay, Mary Geer, Kathleen Green, Phyllis Greer, Robert Hall, Sherry Herrington, Craig Herrington & family, Valorie Kline, Evelyn Kennedy, Sybil LaFountain, Athena Leach, Mike Lisle Sr., Mike Lisle Jr., The Ludas Family, Lucy Kirk, Jenny Gale Kopetski, Eryka McCarthy, Dr. Robert McLendon, Juliana McCumbers, Sandy McCumbers, Bill, Gwen & Pat Mead, Gary Messisco, Andrea Novak, Carmine Quatrano, Jim Rogero, Walter Rogero Family, Alicia Stratton, Stuart Stratton, The family of Keith Taylor, Asya Welz, Erin Wilson

**Please notify Donna Rogero at (386) 325-5230 or [donnarogero@att.net](mailto:donnarogero@att.net) with your prayer request. We have updated our list and anyone wishing to be put back on the list that was previously listed please contact Donna.**

**Labor Day ~ September 6th**



**Mass 8:00 a.m.**

**Parish Office Closed**

## Saint Ambrose Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

8:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: (SI) The Routhier Family

### Tuesday, September 7

8:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: Kathleen & Shea Green

### Wednesday, September 8

5:00 pm Confessions (until 5:30 pm)  
 5:30 pm Religious Education Class  
 6:00 pm Evening Mass  
 Intention: † Ann Carrigan

### Thursday, September 9

9:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: Stephanie & Annalee Freund

### Friday, September 10

8:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: (B) Monica Mylod  
 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Ends at 7:00 p.m.)

### Saturday, September 11

4:00 pm Confessions (until 4:30 pm)  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
 Intention: † Jo-Ann Barkoskie

### Sunday, September 12

9:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: † Philip Tomashewski  
 11:00 am Morning Mass  
 Intention: † Carl Hoskins

## Birthday Celebrations - September

04 – Andrew Imperial; Rosemary Revoir  
 06 – Robert Barton; Paul Dula; Monica Fisk  
 07 – Rosalie Bowman; MaryJo LaLonde  
 08 – Brandon Allen; Ida Law; Elaine Maniscalco  
 Annette Shannon  
 09 – Sam Chandler Alvarez; Pedro Quinones;  
 Audrey Serino; Darlene Stratton  
 10 – John Waler



## Giving Donations August 28 & 29, 2021

Online Giving	\$ 937.00
5:00 pm Vigil Mass	\$ 1,030.00
9am Mass	\$ 1,219.00
11am Mass	\$ 806.00
	\$ 3,992.00
Online Renovation & Maintenance Fund	\$ 75.00
NP - Second Collection - Haiti	\$ 1,204.50
NP - Rwanda Collections	\$ 15.00

## Healing: Mind, Body and Soul

During Jesus' earthly ministry he performed many acts of healing. He cured the blind, opened the ears of the deaf, gave mobility to the lame and even brought the dead back to life. Many times he used the terminology "your faith has cured you" or he would instruct them to renounce sin, and to believe in and follow him. This is a healing of the whole person; mind, body and soul that leads us to the Father.

God has also given us a pathway to healing through the Saints:

### **Saint Raphael the Archangel ~ Patron Saint of Healing**

Unlike most saints, Raphael was never a human being. He has always been a heavenly angel given the mission to **heal the mind, body, and spirit**. This is his role in the Heavenly Court and before the throne of God. We can have recourse to this powerful archangel in our own brokenness, illness, and suffering.

Raphael is depicted in the Old Testament in the Book of Tobit in which there are two characters in need of healing. Tobit a devout and wealthy Israelite who suffers severe losses and is finally blinded. Because of his misfortunes he begs the Lord to let him die. The second character, a young woman, Sarah, in the town of Media, also prays for death, because she has lost seven husbands, each killed in turn on his wedding night by the demon Asmodeus. God hears the prayers of Tobit and Sarah and sends the angel Raphael in human form to aid them both.

Tobit remembers a large sum of money that he had deposited in the town of Media and asks his son, Tobiah to travel to Media and collect his money. Disguised as a guide, Raphael accompanies Tobiah to Media. During the journey, Tobiah is attacked by a large fish as he bathes in the Tigris River. Raphael orders him to seize it and to remove its gall, heart, and liver because they are useful for medicine. Raphael urges Tobiah to marry Sarah, and to use the fish's heart and liver to drive Asmodeus from the bridal chamber. Upon his return to Nineveh with his wife and his father's money, Tobiah rubs the fish's gall into his father's eyes and cures him. Raphael reveals his true identity and returns to heaven. Tobit then utters his beautiful hymn of praise. This is a perfect example of how lives were healed.

Excerpts from learnreligion.com | usccb.com

## Thank You - Landscape Volunteers!

Planting and maintaining the beautiful grounds at Saint Ambrose is a gift of self-giving- one that requires hours of tedious work.

**Cindy and Chip Lowe** along with the help of their grandson, **Landon** and friend, **Ricardo** planted new plants at the cemetery. **Kathleen Waler** continues to maintain our beautiful Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes with the latest addition of the Blue Daze flowers. **United Landscapes** has once again donated these beautiful plants--**Many thanks** to all who have made this beautiful landscape possible.

Many hands make light work (*John Heywood ~1546*). We need volunteers to assist with the maintenance of these areas. Please contact the parish office at (904) 692-1366 if you can spend some time helping out.

## Tree Clearing for Additional Parking

You might have noticed some trees being cleared on the right side of our cemetery road. This tree removal will allow us much needed additional parking for our Spring Fair and any future large events.

## Saint Ambrose Pro-Life Ministry Schedule

Saint Ambrose is blessed to have an active **Pro-Life Ministry Program**. There are many events planned through the end of 2021. Stay tuned!

## RCIA Begins September 8

Saint Ambrose **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** begins Wednesday, September 8th at 6:45 pm. Classes will be held in the parish office.

### **There is still room for more!**

Do you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic faith but are not yet Catholic? Have you wondered about Church teachings, history, the mass, scripture, or the sacraments? RCIA is a process of prayer, study, service, worship, discussion, faith sharing and celebration for individuals who have questions and are interested in the possibility of becoming Catholic: (*Unbaptized adults and children of catechetical age who wish to learn more about the faith; Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic faith*).

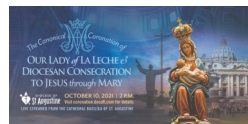
Additionally, RCIA offers **baptized Catholics** who have **not received** the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation and desire to enter fully into the community of the Catholic faith.

Please send contact the parish office at either (904) 692-1366 or send an email to [officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org](mailto:officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org) with any questions.

## You're invited to join us for Bible Study!

Beginning on **September 9**, join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** for a virtual Bible study on Zoom using Dr. Scott Hahn's Sunday Bible Reflections. Audio file and links to Bible readings are available at the following website: [www.stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections](http://www.stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/sunday-bible-reflections). Each week we will study the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday Mass. To register for the Zoom link, email [officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org](mailto:officeassistant@saintambrose-church.org).

## Our Lady of La Leche - Canonical Coronation



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has recognized the importance and sanctity of the Our Lady of La Leche devotion by granting a Canonical Coronation on Sunday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. The public is invited to participate via **live stream**. To learn more, visit [coronation.dosafl.com](http://coronation.dosafl.com).

## Defending our Catholic Faith

Many people have misconceptions about the Catholic Faith. How often are you asked questions about your Catholic Faith and feel unprepared to answer and defend it? We could use Catholic resources to assist us. Catholic Answers is a media company dedicated to sharing what the Church teaches. They provide reliable information about the Catholic Church's doctrine, tradition, and beliefs. Visit [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) for more information.

## St. Joseph Academy 9th Annual Tuition Raffle

Win \$10,000 Tuition to school or college of your choice or pay off your college loans. For more information or to order tickets online visit [www.sjaweb.org](http://www.sjaweb.org). Click on Tuition Raffle under QuickLinks. Or call Jodi Kotrady-Hatin 904.824.0431 ext.307. The drawing takes place on Friday, September 24th at the SJA Home Game (Versaggi Field). The donation for the tickets is \$100. Raffle proceeds go toward scholarships for St. Joseph Academy Students.

**ATTENTION: The Diocese of St. Augustine** treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or you may call the **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator** at (904) 208-6979 or send an email to [inquiries@dosafl.com](mailto:inquiries@dosafl.com). To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit [www.reportbishopsabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopsabuse.org).