

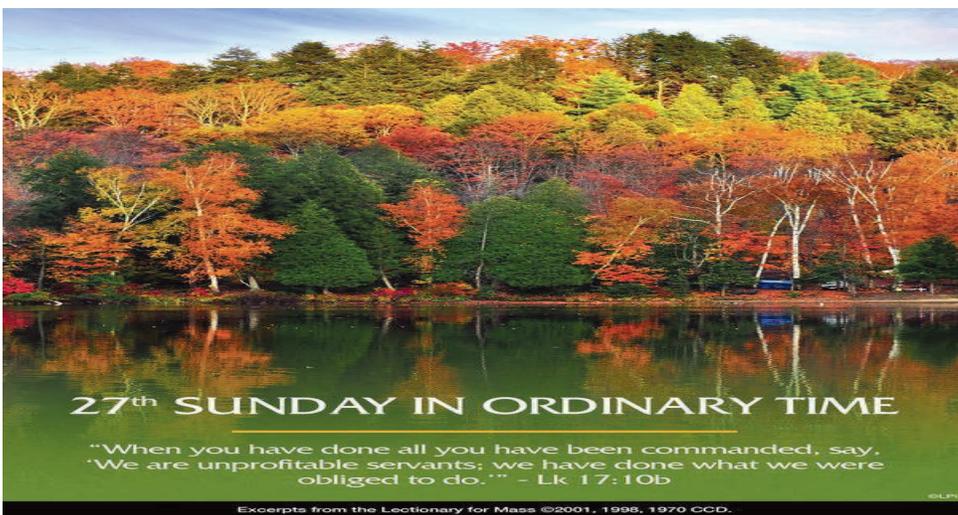
Welcome to

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Catholic Church in Kenwood

**Mission Statement:** Build a community of faith, healing and love (trust), so that others recognize the presence of God in us, and want to be a part of what we are.

### Mass Schedule:

Sunday - 10:30 am  
1:00 pm Ghanaian Mass  
1st Monthly Sunday French Mass  
@ 6:00 pm  
Saturday - 4:00 pm  
Monday—Friday: 8:00 am  
Confessions: Sat. 3:45 pm  
Sun. 10:15 am

### Parish Goals:

To fulfill this mission, we the Catholic Faithful of St. Ambrose Parish will strive to effect the following goals:

1. To nurture the spiritual growth of the Parish through a dynamic celebration of the Eucharist.
2. To be a welcoming community
3. To fulfill the sacramental, spiritual and physical needs of the people of God through our various ministries.

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Parish Council	James Hunter
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Bible study	Marionette Phelps, Mark Kutame, Avis Green, Karen Perisee Woodson
Children's Liturgy	Marcia Berry, James Hunter
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Sacristans	Antoinette Thomas
Ushers	Joyce Franklin, Mary Johnson Moses Mambia, Mario Steward

A more comprehensive & detailed list is available on the information table in the back of the church.

**OCTOBER 6, 2019  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Not long ago, Americans discovered “mentors.” In general, a “mentor” helps a novice to enter or progress along a certain path toward a specific goal. In the academic world, a “mentor” guides a doctoral student through the requirements of earning a degree. In the business world, a “mentor” helps a promising person to achieve excellence, success, and often a high administrative position in a corporation.

In the Mediterranean world Jesus is not a “mentor” but rather a “faction founder” who builds his “faction” around himself by gathering “followers” or “disciples.” Here is what Jesus the faction founder expects of members of his faction, often called his “disciples.”

*Loyalty:* The word usually translated “faith” in the New Testament is better translated as “loyalty” or “reliability.” Jesus, the founder of a faction devoted to the renewal of Israel, demanded loyalty to himself and his project. Recall Jesus’ expectation that, faced with a choice, a disciple should prefer him to one’s family of origin (Lk 14:2, 5-26).

*Forgiveness:* The words “sin” and “forgive” in Luke 17:3-4 remind Luke’s readers of Jesus’ parable of the lost sons, which, having been read or heard just two chapters earlier in this Gospel, is still echoing in their minds and hearts. Disciples must be compassionate as the Father is compassionate (Lk 6:36). They must forgive as often as a sinner repents.

**Good servants do what they are told.**

*“Due-Nothing” Servant:* In the ancient Middle-Eastern world every family, even relatively poor ones, had at least one servant. The very poorest families gave some of their children to other families as servants to ensure that they would be fed.

The master in this parable apparently has only one servant who both tends the fields and does the cooking. The thrust of the story is clear and straightforward. Good servants do what they are told. A master never has to thank a servant for doing what was expected.

Most translations cause confusion with their rendition of Jesus’ final advice to disciples: “When you have carried out all your orders, learn to say: we are worthless servants; we have only done our duty.” “Worthless”? Literally, the Greek adjective means “without need.” The *New English Bible* captures this sense in its rendition: “We are servants and *deserve no credit*.”

The neologism that I propose (“due-nothing” servant) reflects the pun-oriented sense of humor that Jesus exhibited (in Aramaic) on many occasions. While this servant clearly is not a “do-nothing” person, it is also clear that a servant is “due nothing” for services rendered.

Jesus’ demands of forgiveness, loyalty, and the surrendering of an entitlement mentality still challenge his American disciples.

John J. Pilch

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

Sundays @ 10:00 am in the small chapel. All are encouraged to participate!!

RCIA classes: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm in the rectory. See Marionette Phelps.



**POPE TWEET** : "Let us ask the Lord to give us the gentleness to look upon the poor with understanding and love, devoid of human calculation and fear."



Josephine Sserwaa Oct 10  
Francis Osei-Bonsu Oct 12

**STEWARDSHIP**

<b>Sun. 09/29/2019 Collection:</b>	\$	1,763.00
Maintenance	\$	200.00
Mass Stipend	\$	10.00
(approx. 48 gifts)		
Capital Campaign (Sept)	\$	2,147
(24 gifts)		
<b>Give Central (09/26-10/02)</b>		
Sunday Offering	\$	20.00
<b>Extra Gifts to Others</b>		
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Sharing	\$	103.00
Seminarians	\$	5.00

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"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

**COLLECTION REPORT**

Fiscal year- July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020

Date	Last week	Year to date	Operating Budget
09/29/19	\$ 1,783.00	\$31,923.55	\$ -213,333.00

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Please remember in your prayers: Carolyn Baynham, Ms. Bitoy, Margaret Bracy, Quinton & Alfreda Bowles, Dean Brazier, James Brazier, Esperanza Carr, Russell Carter, Willie B. Clay, Michael Anthony Clark, Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Peggy Duke, Wanda Finney, Ruben Gaines, Frederick Gibson, Bettie Green, Kelly Robin Hill, Willa Mae Holliman, Doris Humphries, Nolan Humphries, Leslie Jackson, Majorbelle James, Theresa Jessie, Jan Johnson, Pamela Jones, Denise Lawson, Anastacia Mebane, Susan McKeever Larry, Maria Jossey Owen, Minnette Penman, Marionette Phelps, Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P., Emma Stewart, Alonzo Studstill, Renee Trotter, Euphrasia Ann Mutinda, Joanne Wallace, Tandra Waston, Arlene G. Williams, Gloria Leonard, Craig Wright, Tyna Rule and all who have asked us to pray for them.

**Readings for the week of October 6, 2019**

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

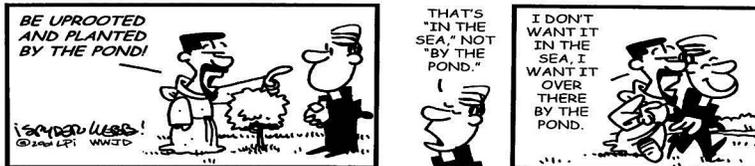
**Observances for the week of October 6, 2019**

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
Thursday:  
Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Oct 6** is: Garlic Lovers Day, Jackie Mayer Rehab Day, Mad Hatter Day, Nat'l Badger Day, Nat'l Noodle Day, Nat'l Plus Size Appreciation Day, and Nat'l Physician's Assistant Day.

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