

Welcome to
Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday Of Advent

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.



*"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."
- Romans 15:7*

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

Contact Us

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday: Closed

Parish Website:

🌐: www.icchicago.org

School Website:

🌐: www.iccowboys.net

Social Media



Facebook:

View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and content. Simply search “**Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)**” and request to join our online community.

Twitch:

Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M.
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M.
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.*
(*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person

Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M.

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8th)

Online

Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass)
(Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

Confessions:

Sunday mornings
from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M.
(offered every Sunday during Advent)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

Baptisms:

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon
(except during Lent)

Donate

Church & Special Collections:

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central:
www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.

School:

Interested in supporting Catholic Education for both present and future generations?

Please donate to our **Endowment Fund** (via Give Central) or support efforts by our **Holy Name Men’s Club** and **Parents Club** posted on our Social Media or featured in our bulletin.

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary



\$60,000 Goal Reached!



We are beyond grateful to all our donors for helping us to successfully achieve our goal of \$60,000! As we are blessed to still have an anonymous donor currently offering an additional dollar-for-dollar match incentive (up to \$10,000) **through December 8th**, which marks the official end of our campaign, we still invite you to donate to our 60 for 60 Fundraiser (if you have not already done so.) Estimated costs to cover the full scope of our 60th Anniversary project have risen over the past year, so every little bit extra we receive is deeply appreciated!

To Our IC Family,

Please join us on **Thursday, December 8th**, at **7:00 P.M.** for the *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* as we honor our Patroness and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our Church building, as well as the culmination of our 60 for 60 fundraiser. This will be a liturgy of profound depth and gratitude. Our Mass will be presided over by *Bishop Mark Bartosic*, and concelebrated with *Fr. Matt*.

Earlier this year, we placed a down-payment on our piano to lock in the price of our new instrument. Our new *Steinway Model M Grand Piano* was completed ahead of schedule and they are shipping it to the Chicago area very soon. My plan is to play the instrument this week at the *Hinsdale Gallery* to ensure its quality before accepting the final product. It is possible that we will have our new piano this December – months ahead of the initial quote. Your immense generosity during our 60 for 60 fundraiser has secured an instrument for us that is handcrafted, more suited for our climate, and will serve our prayer and worship for decades to come. *Steinway* is the standard for all pianos, and it will make our worship together even more beautiful. All of us thank you sincerely for helping us to realize this goal.

Musically, our evening Celebration Mass will be rich, featuring a compliment of strings, classical guitar, oboe, timpani, and trumpet. We have commissioned a new Psalm setting “*Sing to the Lord a New Song*” by our very own composer in residence and Assistant Director of Music, *Elizabeth Doyle*. Works by Bach from his masterpiece “*Magnificat*” will also be featured. Look forward to your favorite Marian hymns as well as a special appearance by our Handbell Choir, the *Overtones*, under the direction of *Karol Grib*. Our entire professional cast of singers will be present to lead us in raising a glorious noise unto the Lord, with featured soloists including *Julie Malecki* and *Justin Taylor*. It will truly be a fitting celebration of our patroness. We give thanks to God for this gift of our community, ministers, artists, and benefactors.

We hope that you will consider joining us for this special celebration of God, Mary, and of our community here in Chicago.

God Bless,
Scott (Director of Worship)

Our Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8th in honor of the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Advent Vespers & Parish Reconciliation Service

7:00-8:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 15th
Featuring our Vocal Quintet

Join us for an evening of song & prayer...

Advent Vespers Service
7:00-7:30 P.M.
Thursday, December 22nd



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Lectio Divina

Tuesday Evenings
During Advent
7:00-8:15 P.M.
with Fr. Matt

"Lectio Divina" or "Divine Reading" is a reflection technique that can be done alone or in a group.

This is meant to be a gathering by which people can take a moment to reflect upon the Word of God, being attentive to what strikes you intellectually or emotionally.

Light refreshments will be provided (and bringing a treat of your own is always appreciated.) We will conclude with a group prayer.

Rectory Assembly

- December 6th
- December 13th
- December 20th



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Joseph Thomas Burgess
Child of Joseph Kevin & Kathleen Mary (Creighton) Burgess

Royce Robert Perez
Child of Robert Alexander & Kelly Jayne (Makowsky) Perez



Harlynn Louise Tiberi
Child of Robert Joseph, Jr. & Lindy Marie (Arend) Tiberi

9:30 A.M. until 10:15 A.M.

Advent Confessions

Sundays

- December 4th
- December 11th
- December 18th*
(*Final Opportunity prior to Christmas)



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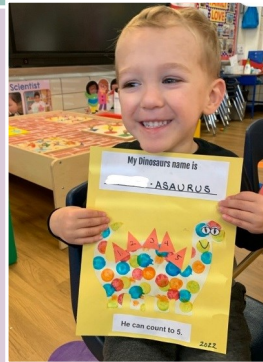
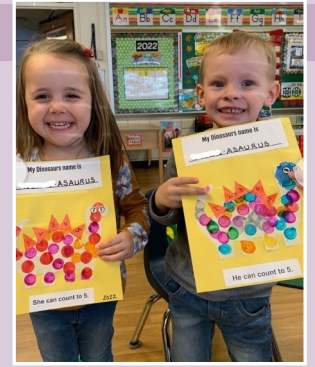
Advent Reconciliation Service:
Thursday, December 15th - 7:30-8:30 P.M.



Mrs. Gavin's 3-Year Old Preschool Class

Room 19 had an exciting week learning all about dinosaurs. They studied five different dinosaurs and learned facts about each one. They learned that dinosaurs came in all different sizes, some had two legs, some had four, and some could even fly. They learned that some dinosaurs ate meat and some ate plants. They also learned that dinosaurs hatch from eggs. The children had fun using imaginative play to be paleontologists digging for dinosaur bones.

The preschoolers also had fun creating a dinosaur art project to review numbers 1-5 in sequence order. They even loved naming their dinosaur. Exploring dinosaur books, pretending to be dinosaurs, and singing "I'm a mean old Dinosaur" were extra fun things we did during dinosaur week. We were happy to learn that dinosaurs are now "extinct"...good thing, because they sure can be scary!



Family Mass: Celebrating Our Service Groups

Please join us at our 10:30 A.M. Family Mass next Sunday, December 11th (with Fr. Matt presiding) as we celebrate our Service Groups. A hospitality reception hosted by our Service Groups will follow the conclusion of our Mass in the Vestibule of our Church. All are welcome!



Please join our parish family in prayer ...

For those who are sick;



Tom Altman
 Paul Amandes
 Arnold B.
 Robert Behrman
 Sonia M. B.
 Roberta Berger
 John Bozek
 Vince Caeti
 Mary Cali
 Jackie Campbell
 Zita Castro
 Donna Chaplin
 James Covello
 Ronnie Cunningham
 Paige Dicks
 Margarita DiSalvo
 Emily Divarco
 Eric Dulce
 Lilia Dulce
 Ozzie D'Souza
Valerie Dziekonski
 John Eckhardt
 Richard Flanagan
 Brooke Foreman
 Patricia Furgat
 Lila Gehner

Bonnie Jean Gorski
 Marie Hagarty
 Rose Hegarty
 Gloria Hernandez
 Ofelia Hernandez
 Mike Hickey
 Judy Hull
 Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig
 Kevin Jaburek
 Wayne Kinzie, Sr.
 Craig Kloss
 Lillian Kohut
 Katherine Kreuser
 Anthony LaPash
 Dawn LaVeau
 Benny Martinez
 Edwin Martinez
 Frank Martinez
 Pat Miaso
 Gerry Michalek, Jr.
 Glen Molo
 Mira Moroz
 Molly Morris
 Veronica Murillo
 Timothy Murray
 Brendan Nelson

Anne O'Brien
 John O'Brien
 Jackie O'Koniewski
 David Olson
 Ashton Peterson
 Leo Pfest
 Mary Potwora
 Helen Rasmussen
 Bill Remblake
 Joe Rispoli
 Pia Rizza
 David Rodriguez
 Don Skorey
 Edward Stanczyk
 Jack Stewart
 Jill Swagler
 Alma T.
 Donna Tisdale
 Camilla Trevino
 Steven P. Trifilio
 Mary Ellen Vanderman
Rose Vargo
 Miss Westhoff
 Rita Zambon

**Newly Added*

For our faithful departed:

Elaine S. Karbowski
 Linda Margaret Hickok
 Dorothy Sherman (Aunt of Dorel Morris)
 JoAnn Barder (Mother of Mary Leahy)



*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
 Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
 them."*

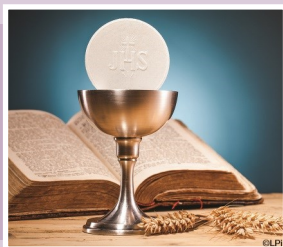


For those who serve our country:



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1st Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wiczorek

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.



*Mass Intentions:
Sunday, December 4th
through
Sunday, December 11th*

Sunday, December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 P.M. (Saturday) – †Richard Hurtig (on his Anniversary); †Joseph Salerno; †Quintin Sales Lim (on his 5th Anniversary); †Katherine P. Patti; and The Flondro Family (Living)
8:30 A.M. – †John Sexton; †Stanislaw Swiderski; †Josefa Fernandez; †Michael Naughton; †Nancy DeBaise; †Rosaleen Reilly; and The Leyhane Urizarri Family
10:30 A.M. – †Mr. & Mrs. J. Svoboda; †Tommy Fuller; †Giovanni & Rosalia Porcelli; †Joseph Rutterer; †Bogdan Hanek; †Linda Gomolka; †Francis & Moira Cross; and The People of the Parish

Monday, December 5th - Advent Weekday

8:30 A.M. – †Robert Nimietz

Tuesday, December 6th - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 A.M. – †The Furgat Family; and †Francis Coelho (on his Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 7th - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. – †Elaine S. Karbowski

Thursday, December 8th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America)

8:30 A.M. – †Catherine Lacey; †Ann Kula; Mary Ann Schmitt Hurtig (Living) (In Thanksgiving); and Rosemarie Buhat Carreon (on her 60th Birthday) (Living)
7:00 P.M. – †The Furgat Family; †Donna Marie Haywood; †Charles Stich; and The People of the Parish

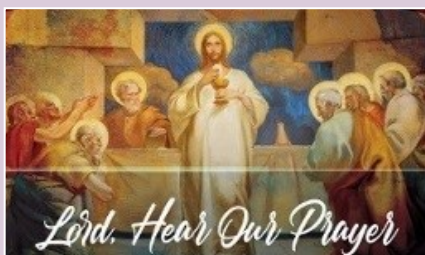
Friday, December 9th - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Saturday, December 10th - Advent Weekday

5:00 P.M. – †Genevieve Maurer; †Elizabeth Serafin; †Terry Rutkowski (Birthday Remembrance); and †Angela Conlin

Sunday, December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

8:30 A.M. – †Daniel Fernandez; and The Flondro Family (Living)
10:30 A.M. – †The Furgat Family; †Bogdan Hanek; †Francis & Moira Cross; †Leona Zullo; †Genevieve Spisak; and The People of the Parish



December 4th through December 10th
Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the prayer intentions of

Rose & Marty Hegarty
(For Good Health Always)



December 4th through December 9th
Our Blessed Mother Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Maureen McGee Kogen

Requested by: The McGee Family



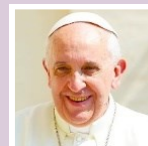
December 4th through December 9th
Our St. Joseph Votive is burning this week for the repose of the soul of

Rose Castelli

Requested by: Sandra Kubik

Pope Tweet of the Week...

“During this #Advent Season, let us ask the Lord to help us keep the lamp of faith alit in our lives, to be prepared to receive him, and that he fill us with peace and joy.”



Christmas Toy Drive @IC: Concludes December 4th

Immaculate Conception Parish

Christmas Toy Drive

Benefiting Catholic Charities in Des Plaines

Suggested Spending Amount: \$25.00
Only New Packaged Toys Will Be Accepted

- Art Supplies
- Games
- Dolls
- Sports Gear/Items (Basketballs, Soccer Balls, etc.)
- Toy Models
- Toy Trucks and Cars
- Action Figures
- Children's Books

Toy donations will be collected in the Vestibule of our Church (on behalf of *Catholic Charities in Des Plaines*) through this weekend, December 3rd & 4th. **Please note: please do not gift wrap toy donations!** We thank you for your support!

Immaculate Conception
Alpha Alumni Connect

Food Drive

Benefiting the Self Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines
(serving families since 1971 - selfhelppantry.org)

Our IC Alpha Alumni Connect Group is currently hosting a **Food Drive** on behalf of the *Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines* (SHCP) which continues **through Friday, December 16th**. To participate, please look for the Big Red Bins with the SHCP's logo on them, or other receptacles labeled for this Food Drive. They are located in our Church Vestibule, Parish Office, Rectory Assembly, School Lobby and Parish Center Lobby. *We are accepting nonperishable food items. These items must not be expired, so please be certain to check expiration dates prior to dropping off your donations! All food items must be in their original, factory-sealed containers.* If you have a question regarding what is acceptable, please visit icchicago.org to review our flyer or contact Rob Lohman at rob@lohmanlawgroupllc.com.

We greatly appreciate all donations and we thank our entire IC Family in advance!

BLOOD DRIVE



Immaculate Conception Parish Blood Drive

SUNDAY, DEC. 18
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Walk-ins Welcome.

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Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825



All are welcome!
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COFFEE HOUSE



Dec. 4th

Join us for coffee & conversation in our Rectory Assembly after our 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sunday Masses

Special Guest Host: IC Athletic Committee

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Gospel Meditation - Encourage a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her. ©LPi

Second Collection: December 10th & 11th



Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church."

Donations to next weekend's **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.



Kevin Kloak & Aileen Lombardi
Gerry Homan

Welcome to all visitors and guests!
Interested in joining our IC Parish family?
Register @ icchicago.org

Ministry Schedules: Saturday, December 10th & Sunday, December 11th

	Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Sunday 8:30 A.M.	Sunday 10:30 A.M. Family Mass
Presiders	Fr. Robert Fedek	Fr. Matthew Heinrich	Fr. Matthew Heinrich
Lectors	E. Kinzie	N. Kremer	N. Schroeder
Cantors	E. Doyle	Vocal Quintet	Vocal Quintet
Extraordinary Ministers	S. Witz	D. Sebastian	C. Kech; R. Siciliano
Altar Servers	K. Bowers; M. Gallagher; N. Rahlf	S. Gillespie; D. Gillespie; M. Moorehouse	P. Beckman; K. Catomer; E. Miehlich



Our Parish Staff:

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What's Happening @ IC...

Monday, December 5th –
 10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study: “The Gospel of John”; RA
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Fall Alpha Team Wrap-Up Session & Potluck Dinner; RA
 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH
Tuesday, December 6th –
 7:00-8:15 P.M. – Advent Reflection Program: “Lectio Divina”; RA
Wednesday, December 7th -
 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH
 2:00-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH
 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Class; SC
 7:00-9:00 P.M. – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.; RA
 7:00-10:00 P.M. – Parents Club Mtg.; BA
**Thursday, December 8th – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary – Parish Office Closed**
 8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH
Immaculate Conception Novena Concludes (after 8:30 A.M. Mass); CH
 7:00 P.M. – IC 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass & Reception; CH/PC
Friday, December 9th –
 8:15 P.M. – Men’s Basketball; PC
Saturday, December 10th -
 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; NWCR
Sunday, December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent
 9:30-10:15 A.M. – Advent Confessions; CH
 10:30 A.M. – Family Mass (*Service Groups*); CH
 Hospitality Reception to follow in CH (Vestibule)



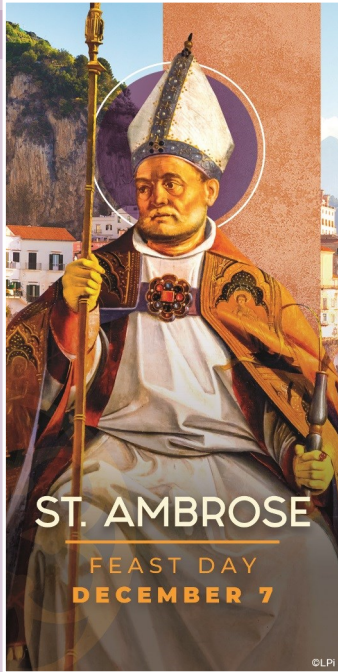
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If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

December 11th Bulletin submissions due:
 Saturday, December 3rd
 December 18th Bulletin submissions due:
 Friday, December 9th
 December 25th Bulletin submissions due:
 Monday, December 12th
 January 1st Bulletin submissions due:
 Thursday, December 22nd
 Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at:
parishbulletin@icchicago.org



Saint of The Week - Examples of Our Faith: Saint Ambrose (December 7th)

Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant' Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasus and Saint Protasus. ©LPi

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