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UPCOMING MEETING

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

13 DECEMBER
GRADE 7-12
7:30 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

People should not rejoice over riches, neither when they possess them nor when their neighbor possesses them, unless God is served through them. If it is in some way tolerable to rejoice in riches, it is when they are spent and employed in the service of God. This is the only way profit will be drawn from them.

Saint John of the Cross
Doctor of the Church
Feast Day: 14 December

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; the firmament proclaims the works of His hands.

Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge.

There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard;

A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world.

He has pitched in them a tent for the sun, it comes forth like a bridegroom from His canopy, and like a hero joyfully runs its course.

From one end of the heavens it comes forth; its course runs through to the other; nothing escapes its heat.

Psalm XIX:1-7



MISSIONARY DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

FEAST DAY: 7 DECEMBER

Saint Ambrose was born around the year 340. His father died when he was young, and his mother decided to move the family back to Rome. He was a very bright student and became a good poet, orator, and fluent in Greek. He also studied law, and this became his livelihood for a while. After some time, he was made governor of Liguria and Emilia, Italy.



An unusual event that became an opportunity changed St. Ambrose's life. When an Arian bishop died, there was a great deal of uproar about who should be bishop, and whether he should be Arian or Catholic. Saint Ambrose made a speech to the people asking them to seek a solution in peace and order instead of through tumult. While speaking someone shouted that Saint Ambrose should be made bishop. This was highly unusual; though he was Christian, he was yet to be baptized. Saint Ambrose resisted this appointment, but finally had to relent and so was



baptized; a week later he was made bishop on 4 December 374. Shortly after he renounced all his possessions and gave them to the poor leaving a little income for his sister, Saint Marcellina. He was now acutely aware of the fact that he was ignorant of theology and set about to a rigorous study of Holy Scripture and other religious writings. During the course of his life, he would do great work to rid Arianism. He was instrumental in ridding all the Arians from the diocese of Milan. Over the course of many years, he would even be responsible for the conversion of leaders such as the emperor, Theodosius. Indeed, he is well-known for having been involved with the conversion of Saint Augustine, *(who would later be made a bishop and future Doctor of the Church)*. In 397 during the season of Lent, he became sick and predicted his death would happen before Easter Sunday. He died on Good Friday at the age of 57 years.