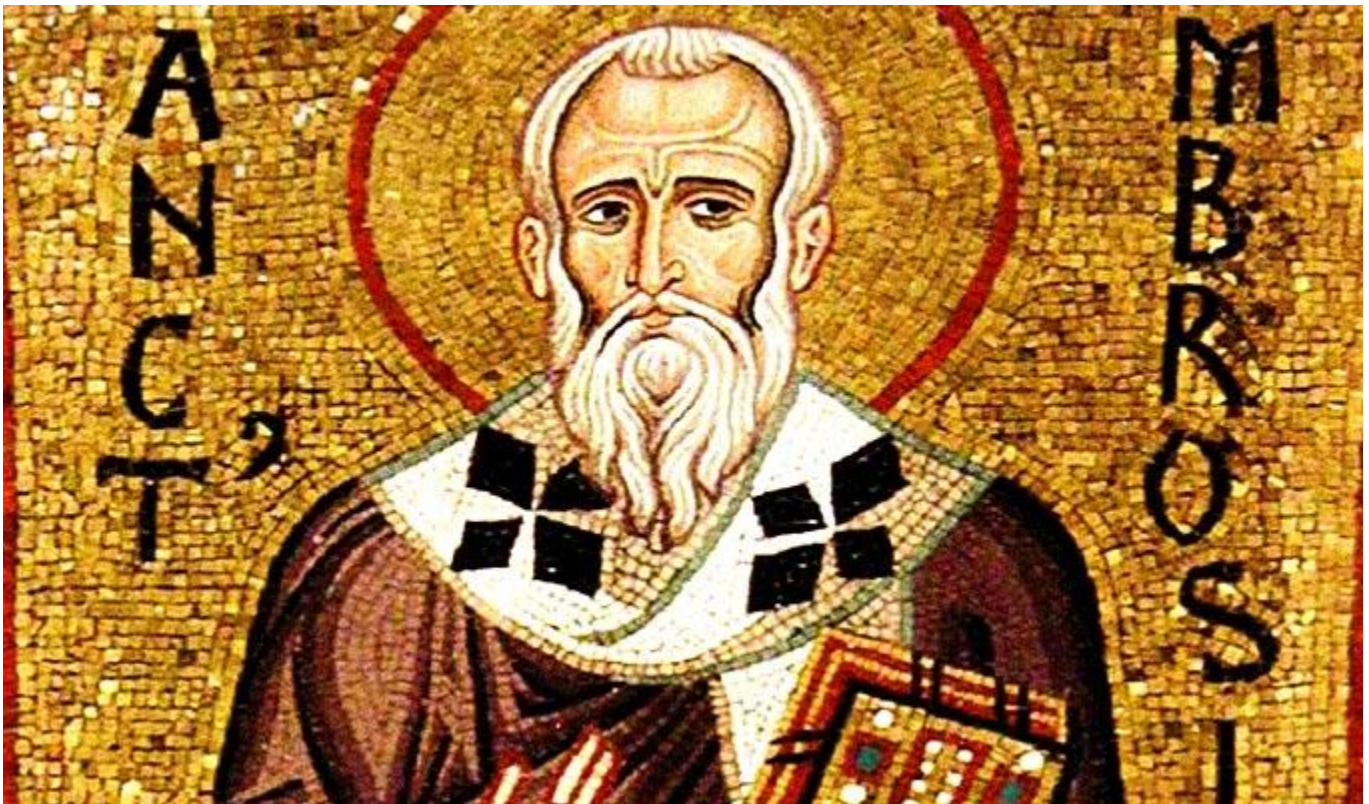


Monday, December 7, 2020  
Monday of the Second Week of Advent  
Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

I belonged to St. Ambrose Parish and attended the parish school from first to fifth grade and then the school closed. I remembered seeing in our city's Memorial Day Parade the last surviving soldier of World War I whose last name was Ambrose. I do not remember anything in those younger years about St. Ambrose except that was the name of our parish. (I then went to St. Joseph school to finish my grade school years, thus joining that parish as it was permissible to do so in those days due to our ethnicity.) I appreciate the great saint more than ever and feel blessed that I was a part of his life through our parish in those early years. He influenced St. Augustine, whom he baptized. He defended orthodoxy against Arianism, a serious schismatic teaching during his time. He had the courage to stand up to the emperor Theodosius and called him to conversion and public penance for a very serious massacre the emperor committed. This was no small matter but impressed upon the people the emperor's humility and his respect of the great saint. Many of St. Ambrose's writings have come down to us over the centuries, which give witness to the title bestowed upon him: one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. St. Ambrose, pray for us!

God Love You!

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*Our own evil inclinations are far more dangerous than any external enemies. – St Ambrose (340-397)*