

**Sept. 27th, 2020**  
**25th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**The Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Liturgy of the Word**

**A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 18: 25-28**

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. The Word of the Lord. . .

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25**

**R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **R.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

**Second Reading: Phil. 2: 1-11**

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain-glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel:

Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:  
"What is your opinion?"



A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord. . .

## St. Ambrose Parish Leadership Team Meeting Update:

Six members of the team (Paula Langford, Trina Jones-Brown, Paula Cullings, Gladys Johnson, Carlton Gordon, Jay DeVaughn and Fr. Paul) met this past Tuesday evening via ZOOM and the topics discussed were:

- 1. School Update:** The plan for the building was changed. No demo of the building will happen. The building as it stands will be renovated and converted to 58 units of senior housing. So basically, the building will remain in tact and no addition construction will occur. The sale took place August 17th, 2020 and there is a 180 day process before the renovation can begin.
- 2. Finances:** The parish is holding its own. The tithe and rent from the convent are keeping us going. Expenditures have been reduce to nothing and the church and rectory are operating on a limited budget.
- 3. Embracing Our Mission Campaign:** The current balance is \$82,243.00 of which \$60,000.00 was withdrawn to pay for the ramp, \$42,000) railing (416,250) lighting (\$2,500) and landscaping the property. (still determined). The remaining balance for the campaign is \$22,243.00 with the remaining project being : electrical renov. The Team approved that Fr. Paul write the Archdiocese to extend the Campaign for another year and a half to all ow those who may want more time to fulfill their commitment or anyone interesting in helping now that could not at the beginning 5 years also. Additional goal is \$150,000.
- 4. Religious Education:** The hope to work with St. Bernardine did not work out. We are working to do a virtual and physical program for the Religious Education for the children. Outlines and links for parents will be posted on the parish website: [www.saintambrose.com](http://www.saintambrose.com). Fr. Paul will be reaching our to all parents ASAP with further instructions.
- 5. Liturgical Changes and Seasons:** The team spent time evaluating the decision for mass at Saturday, 4pm. It seems to be working well and we looked at the concern of darkness coming early. Most who attend that mass are driving and we encourage everyone to park in the lot off of Royce Ave and enter the front of church and exit the side. With the darkness we will improve the lighting and ask the Ministers of Hospitality to be present at the exterior of the church for safety.
- 6. Holiday Schedule:** Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov.26th, mass will be celebrated at 9:30AM in church Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th will be 5pm, New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st will be 5pm. ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

**7. Advent at St. Ambrose:** The team looked at how to effectively celebrate this Holy Season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love during a time of Pandemic. We looked at joining the Praise & Song Evening and each Wednesday evening, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at 6:30pm a quest speaker will be invite to speak on the given topic, followed by prayer and then Jay and the Choir will lead us in Songs of Praise appropriate for the evening. More info will follow.

The meeting closed at 8:20PM and will meet again bvvia Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

## Other News

### Capuchin Friars 30th Years of Presence



This month of September the Capuchin Friars celebrate 30 years of presence here at Saint Ambrose Parish. To commemorate this event the 4pm Mass on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, the vigil of the Feast of St. Francis, we will celebrate this hallmark. Archbishop Lori has given permission for the mass prayers for the Feast of St, Francis to be used at that mass. We were hoping to have Bishop Madden present but he is limiting his visit due to the covid 19virus. We are grateful for 30 years of Capuchin Franciscan presence here in the parish. God is good!

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Society that bears his name. Today at mass, we will offer special prayers for the Society and ask God to help them in these difficult days to continue to be of service.



### Census 2020

Everyone should have received the form in the mail for the census

#### Tithes for last week:

Sept. 19th : \$3,500.00

#### 4pm Mass Intentions

Sept. 26th, Mr. Quintin Goods, deceased friend of Ms. Faye Augins.

Oct. 3rd, Mrs. Josepha Njimbong, deceased sister of Mrs. Veronica Zeh

Oct. 11th, Chief Michael Inwang, deceased father to Fr. Augustine Inwang, of Transfiguration Parish, his father passed in Nigeria last month. May he rest in peace.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen