

Second Sunday Advent

December 5, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The Word of the Lord. . . . Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 85

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. R.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. R.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. R.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





**Christmas Season at
St. Ambrose**

Mass for Christmas Eve,
Thurs. Dec. 24th, 5pm
(NO Mass on Christmas
Day)

**Sat. Dec. 26th, Feast of the Holy Family, Blessing
for all Families present, 4pm.**

Mass for New Year's Eve
Thurs., Dec. 31st: 5pm
(NO Mass on New Year's Day)

Please RSVP to Barbara if you plan to attend.
All celebration live streamed and on our website:
www.saintambrose.com

NOTE: Depending on Virus the situation may change



**Saint Ambrose
Advent Evenings
of Praise & Song.**

**Wednesday Evenings in
December at 6:30pm
Praise and Song.**

All are welcome!

You can come physically or
join us by live stream on Facebook: Saint Ambrose Baltimore
or through our Website: www.saintambrose.com Please
RSVP by calling Barbara: 410-367-9918 or
bbrown@saintambrose.com.

Future speakers:

- Dec. 9: Ms. Karah Brown, (Peace) Youth of the parish
- Dec. 16th, (Joy) Rev. Richard Davis
- Dec. 23rd, (Love) Deacon Paul Shelton, Deacon serving
at Blessed Sacrament Parish.



Mary Adderly, Karen Brown-Berkley, Renee
Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al
Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix,
Davonta Drummond, William Ford III, Sarah
Gamble, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Cornell
(Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Alice
Manns, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda
Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel
Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith,
Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate,
Jean Thomas and Alice Zaborowski.

4pm Mass intentions

- Dec. 6th, Sr. Mary Loretto Evans, OSP
 - Dec. 8th, Immaculate Conception, 9am: Mr. Joseph Buettner
 - Dec. 12th, Mrs. Angelina Daniel, requested by her beloved
daughter, Ms. Denise Daniel, on the 14th anniversary of her
passing.
 - Dec. 20th, Mr. George Augins, Jr., on the 5th anniversary of
his passing, requested by his beloved daughters, Ms. Faye
Augins and Mrs. Shelley Tyler
- 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

Resurrection Garden of Hope

Fr. Paul is designing and planning a garden in the ar-
ea to the left of the front door of the rectory. To grace
the garden a statue of Jesus resurrected has been
purchased in memory of Ms. Bencine Blake. In the
next few weeks the landscaping on the whole proper-
ty will be improved and the garden will be planted in
anticipation of Spring and Easter: when the new gar-
den will be formally blessed. By that time, all of us
will need some new Hope and blessings for Easter. If
you would like to help by sponsoring the garden,
please look on our website for the flyer or call Barbara
for more information. The statue is on display in the
back of church.

Immaculate Conception



This Tuesday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception the patronal feast
of the United States. Mass will be celebrat-
ed that morning at 9am in the church.
Please RSVP by calling Barbara at the rec-
tory. Before mass at 8:45am Fr. Paul will
pray the Litany of the Immaculate Concep-
tion. Please join us to pray for our Nation!

**A Prayer for Peace to
Heal Stress**

Heavenly Father, please grant
me peace of mind
and calm my troubled heart.
My soul is like
a turbulent sea. I can't seem to
find my balance
so I stumble and worry con-
stantly. In these troublesome
times, give me the strength and clarity of mind to
find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out
for me. I trust your Love God, and know that you will
heal this stress.

Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of
night. Please bring me clarity with the light of God.
In your name I pray, Amen.

