

Fourth Sunday Advent
December 19, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel.

I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. R.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations." R.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm." R.

Second Reading: Roman 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word. R.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

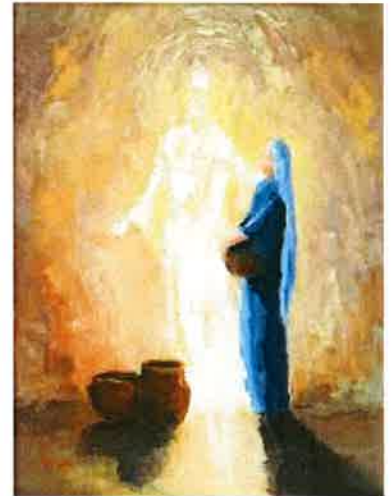
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

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:

**This Wednesday, (Love) Deacon Paul Shelton from
Blessed Sacrament Parish.
Join us!**



Mary Adderly, Karen Brown-Berkley, Renee
Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al
Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix,
Davonta Drummond, William Ford III, Phyllis
Ford, 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 Zab-
rowski.

4pm Mass intentions

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.

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 5pm Mass offered for all our
parishioners, living and deceased.

Dec. 26th, Mrs. Helen Graham, deceased sister to our Yvonne
Wilder and aunt to Damia Stavis, who passed on Oct. 4th.,
Dec. 31st, Mrs. Rita LaPanche

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. The
landscaping is complete in anticipation of Spring and
Easter: when the new garden 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.

Recent Tithes

Last week's collection: \$5,422.00
Utility: \$290.00 Flowers: \$236.00

Parish Phone Pal

In the winter months ahead, many are feeling lonely
and depressed. Human contact is the best medicine.
If you would like to have a Phone Pal, someone you
don't know but would like to call and speak to in the
months ahead, please call Barbara to get you con-
nected with someone in the parish. Simple call and
make a friend.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Needs You!

Once again, the Society is assisting the Oblate Sisters
and the **Apostleship of
the Sea**. If you would like
the to help the seafarers they
are in need of: socks, gloves,
hats, playing cards, men's
deodorant, soap, toiletries,
disposable razors, etc. Please
purchase at least 5 items if
possible.



For the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** please pur-
chase a \$10 or more gift card from Walmart, Rite
Aid or Giant. These can also be mailed to the recto-
ry to the attention of *The St. Vincent de Paul Society*
or you could please place them in the baskets in the
back of church.