

21st Sunday Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

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

Reading I Joshua 24: 1-18

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers.

When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery.

He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." The Word of the Lord. . . **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. R.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. R.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. R.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. R.

Reading II Ephes. 5: 21-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.

As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel John 6: 60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you?"

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

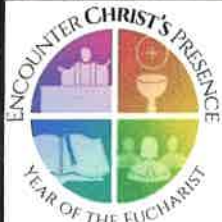
Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the

Twelve, "**Do you also want to leave?**" **Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**



We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." **The Gospel of the Lord. . .Praise to you**



Year of the Eucharist

Archbishop Lori has designated Sunday, June 6th, 2021 until June 19th, 2022 as the **Year of the Eucharist**.

Check out the archdiocesan website for more info:

www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-Eucharist

Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

As part of our Year of the Eucharist celebration, we have asked our Eucharistic Ministers to reflect on their ministry.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This week Mrs. Patricia Shorter reflects on her ministry as a Eucharistic Minister:

Why did you choose

Eucharistic Ministry? "I had been an usher and decided I wanted to do something that would make me feel closer to God, and although when I started I felt nervous, I also knew this is what I was meant to be."

What spiritual benefits do you receive from the ministry?: "I feel a calmness and a powerful presence of God as

I present the Host and say to a person, "The Body of Christ!" and the person replies: "Amen!" Being entrusted to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ, feels like a special gift from God that I've been blessed to do. I also feel that God put this in my heart to do, and it's as though I feel His presence there with me."

Year of the Eucharist

"The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy."

- Cardinal Newman



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Alice Manns, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Rhonda Rumbra, Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas and Alice Zaborowski.

Weekly Mass Intentions

August 22, Mr. Clyde Wigfall, deceased son to our Mrs. Anita Carter, May he rest in peace.

August 29th, Mrs. Pearl Scroggins, deceased aunt of our Mrs. Nancy Chase, on the 9th anniversary of her passing.

Sept. 5, Mr. Timothy Reed, deceased brother to our Mrs. Norma Townsend, on the 15th anniversary of his passing.

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

Faith Formation Concerns

All parents of school age need to register their children NOW for religious education classes. **Classes begin Sept. 18th.** Simply contact Sister Stella at rstella@saintambrose.com or 443-934-9244 to register your child/children.

A Word of Thanks. . .

To my Saint Ambrose Family and Fr. Paul: A heartfelt Thank You for your kind expression of sympathy at the death of my beloved son, Clyde Wigfall.

Love & Prayers,
Mrs. Anita M. Carter

Thank you!

More expressions of Thanks

Fr. Paul would like to thank all those who helped to make the Thanksgiving Mass for Sr. Stella last Sunday such a success. Because of the effects of the pandemic, Sister Stella was not able to have many members of her immediate family present, but I hope the love she received from us helped to fill that void. God bless you Sister Stella and may God bless you with many years as an Oblate Sister of Providence.

A difficult decision—Mass-on-the-Grass

In light of the rate of infection in Baltimore City and in the 21215 area, it has been decided to cancel the Mass-on-the-Grass scheduled for Sept. 19th. This celebration is a wonderful social outreach for our parish and the Park Heights Community, but right now may not be the right time.



We will sponsor the FREE FLEA MARKET, set for Saturday, Sept. 18th from 10am to 2pm, along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society produce and non-perishable give away. We can still give some outreach to the neighborhood with a limited amount of interaction. We pray that enough people receive the vaccine so we can return to some sense of normalcy. Thank you!

Tithe Update

Last Sunday: \$2,661.00 Black & Indian Missions: \$207