

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time August 29, 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

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

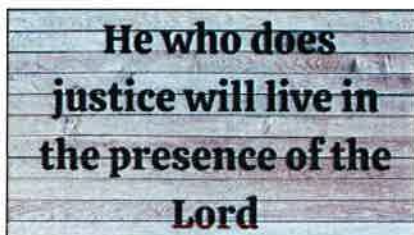
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Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15

Response: **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue. R.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD. R.



Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed. R.

Reading II James 1: 17-27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23.

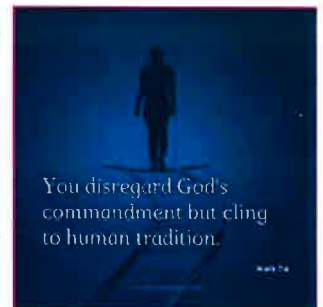
When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." The Gospel of the Lord. . . **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**





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. Paula Cullings reflects on her ministry as a Eucharistic Minister:

Why did you choose Eucharistic Ministry? "When I was very young, I would watch the Ems and thought about how wonderful it is to be so close to the tabernacle and how I would love to serve one day. When training was offered, I signed on. Once I became an EM, I would help to serve our parishioners and take the Holy Communion to those who were sick and unable to attend mass."

What spiritual benefits do you receive from the ministry?: "First and foremost, I am excited to receive the transformed Body & Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ!. I am so reminded of the Last Supper. I feel filled with Joy to have our Lord with me and in me. I feel privileged to assist in bringing the Eucharist to our parishioners. Its like allowing God to dwell in me and I have the opportunity to bring Him to others."

Year of the Eucharist



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

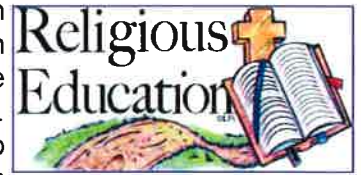
August 29th, Mrs. Pearl Scroggins, deceased aunt of our Mrs. Nancy Chase, on the 9th anniversary of her passing.

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

Religious Education Classes

Classes begin for children in the Sacramental Prep on Sept. 18th in person while the other children will be online. Sister Stella would like to meet with all **parents on**



Sunday, Sept. 11th after the 10am mass in the church. All covid protocols (masks & social distancing) will remain in place. Contact Sister Stella at srstella@saintambrose.com or 443-934-9244 to register your child/children.

A difficult decision—Mass-on-the-Grass

In light of the rate of infection in Baltimore City it has been decided to cancel the Mass-on-the-Grass. **We will host the FREE FLEA MARKET, set for Sat., Sept. 18th, 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 week's Tithe: \$3,903.00 Assumption: \$160

What is the Tabernacle?

The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick). It also helps prevent the profanation of the Eucharist. Thus the law requires, "The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is regularly reserved is to be immovable, made of solid or opaque material, and locked so that the danger of profanation may be entirely avoided" (CIC 938 §3). The word *tabernacle* means "dwelling place." Any place someone dwells is a tabernacle. The term is also sometimes used for a temporary dwelling place. Thus the tent-like sanctuary that the Jews used before the Temple was built was called the Tabernacle, because God dwelt there. Similarly, for the feast of *Sukkot* the Hebrews erected temporary shelters to live in for the festival, which is often called "the feast of tabernacles" or "the feast of booths" as a result. The tabernacle in Church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist. Our is in the center of the back altar.

