

**23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
September 5, 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 Isaiah 35: 4-7

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of

the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.



Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. R.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers. R.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. R.



Reading II James 2: 1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mark 7: 31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd.

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,

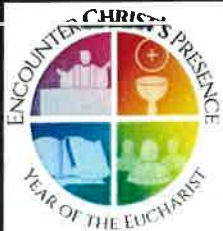
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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.

This week Mrs.

Paula Cullings continues her reflection on her ministry

as a Eucharistic

Minister:



In reflection of the Year of the Eucharist, we are called to experience God, our Lord and Savior by remembering His sacrifice. The encounter we experience is to participate in receiving the Eucharist. How wonderful it is to receive Him as often as we want and do so in memory of God. The Eucharist that Jesus gives us in *not a Cotton Candy meal that dissolves so quickly in our mouth*; instead, Jesus gives us Himself. . . food for the journey of life, Eternal life with spiritual wisdom. We become the people of faith that lives the prayer, 'Give us this day our daily bread'

St. Ignatius of Loyola said:

"One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity."



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

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

Sept. 12th, living and deceased members of the parish

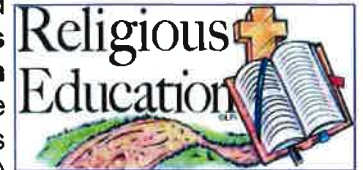
Sept. 19th, Mr. Errol Gomez who passed recently.

Mr. Brian Christopher Pope, On the 17th anniversary of his passing, request by his beloved mother, Mrs. Barbra Swann.

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 next 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!

A Note of Thanks. . . .

Dear Fr. Paul and St. Ambrose Family:

Thank you so much, you and the whole St. Ambrose Church Family has shown me such love, may God bless you. My family in Nigeria were also very grateful and they send their regard to you making me feel that family relationship on August 13th and especially here at St. Ambrose on August 15th. They did not miss the occasion as they were with us on the livestream from beginning to end. Please keep them and Nigeria in your prayers. I am short of words, but know that I was overjoyed and have been filled with such gratitude since then. May God who kows how to bless and thank people, bless and reward you for being there for me on my special day.



Love from, Sr. Stella Ogonia Knus, OSP