

3rd Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

Reading I:

Neh. 8:2-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand.

Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose.

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

"Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

The Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 19

R: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. R.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. R.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. R

Reading:

1 Cor. 12:12-

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many.

If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,"

it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.

Or if an ear should say,

"Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts,

each one of them, in the body as he intended.

If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you."

Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives. R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel:

Luke 1: 1-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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



Mrs. Bertha Davidge

Today at the 10am mass we will honor and celebrate Mrs. Bertha Davidge she turned 100 years of age on January 12, 2022.

Thank you—Special Thanks

Court St. Ambrose #2676 of the Catholic Daughters extends sincere thanks to the St. Ambrose Family for their generosity during our Christmas project on behalf of the children of the Park Heights Academy. We especially wish to thank Dr. Mrs. Camille Privette for her generous donation of winter coats to this project. Because of all of you, many little bodies will be kept warm this winter. Thank you, Mrs. Pert Toins-Banks, Regent

A Special Thanks

From the daughters of the late Mrs. Bertha Hawkins: To all members of St. Ambrose Church:

We give sincere thanks for the thoughtfulness and kind acts of sympathy you gave our family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Love, Mrs. Vera Johnson

With sincere thanks for the phone calls, text messages, and cards. . . the in person visits and the kind words of support. The family truly appreciates all the expressions of sympathy. . Love Mrs. Bertha Hawkins-Watts,

Feast of St. Blaise

In anticipation of the Feast of Blaise which is Feb. 3rd, we will offer the Blessing of Throats next Sunday before and after the 10am mass.



Candlemas Day — Feast of the Presentation

The Feast is Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, the tradition of blessing candles will happen Sunday, Jan. 30th after mass and candles will be available to take home.



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Linda Davis, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble,

JoAnn Glenn, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Alice Manns, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Melissa Ringgold-Benson, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Sherria Waters, William young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.



Activities for the month:

- Church décor to reflect the celebration
 - Ms. Tierra Stone will speak on Sunday, Feb. 13th
- On Sunday, Feb. 20th, Dr. Camille Brown, author of *African Saints; 40 Holy Men & Women, African Stories*, will speak after mass on *African Saints: That's Nothing New!*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Jan. 23rd, Mrs. Betty Butler on her 3rd year anniversary, requested by her beloved husband, Mr. Alphonsus Butler.

Jan. 30, Mrs. Theresa Pope, 22nd anniversary of her passing, requested by her beloved daughter, Mrs. Deborah Young.

Feb. 6th, Christopher Langford & Dawn Braxton on their birthdays offer by Archie and Augustine Stith.

Feb. 13th, Candace McGriff, on the 7th anniversary of her passing, offered by Aunts Faye and Shelley.

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

St. Ambrose ZOOM Bible Study Starts

Wednesdays, (Women) @ 7:30pm

Thursdays, (Men) @ 7:30pm

Same Zoom info:

Women's number: 75197957055

Passcode for Women: Passcode: 123456

Men's Number: 83765661019

Passcode for Men: 654321

Please check our parish Facebook page for more info:

Saint Ambrose Baltimore. Tune in!

Adult Education Sessions

Sister Marie Seton will continue helping us examine: **"Aspects of Change: New Relationships & Anxiety"** on Monday, January 24, 2022, Gather in St. Augustine Room at 11:30am for light refreshments then class at noon til 1pm. Please sign up at the info table in the back of church or call Barbara (410) 367-9918 to reserve a space, space is limited to 25 people per session

Tithe Update: January 16th, 2022

\$2,772.00 Utilities: \$185

Continuing the Mission: \$335.00

Collection for Archdiocesan Priests: \$240.00

Rosary, Sunday, 9:30am