

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 18: 20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it?"

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again:

"See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"

He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on,

"Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.

What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15

Response:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. R.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me. R.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand. R.

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. R.

Second Readings: Col. 2: 12-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father.

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?

Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" **The Gospel of the Lord. . .Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Glory:

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will.

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Update on Religious Education

Fr. Paul met with the parents and catechists of our young people a few weeks ago. At that meeting it was determined that **Religious Education classes would transfer to Sunday morning from 8:30am to 9:45am.**

We are hoping to sponsor Children's Liturgy of the Word each week at Mass. If you are not familiar, the children would leave the church at the beginning of the **Liturgy of the Word at Mass** and be taken off with a catechists who will study the scripture with the children and develop teach a lesson associated with the Word. After the homily the children will return to their parents.

These are exciting changes for our program and we thank our committed parents along with our catechists who are working so hard to develop a program filling for our children.

Unfortunately with these changes Sisters Stella and Stephen will no longer be working in the program. Ms. Maria Lucas will direct the program. Sr. Stephen will continue to work in the parish as senior activities coordinator. Sr. Stella will be assigned work elsewhere by her superior. This is a sad time for us to lose the presence of the Oblates in our Religious Education.

In the meantime, we need to get all school aged children registered for our programs. Forms on the info table.

RCIA

If you are an adult 18 years and up, if you have never been baptized, made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation please stop at the info table and find a brochure explaining the program and fill it out and give to Fr. Paul or one of our deacons and we will be in touch.

Senior Luncheon is Back!

The Senior Luncheon is set for Sat. Sept. 10th at 10:30am. All those 55 & over. Lunch and then we play 15 games of prize bingo! Sign up by using the envelopes on info table. Donation: \$6.00. Lunch will be prepared for everyone, menu announced later. All seniors are welcome and bring a friend to join us.



Farewell to our Youth Minister

Unfortunately Ms. Tanya Ray has resigned her position as Youth Minister here in the parish. We thank her for her months with us and wish her well. Fr. Paul and the Leadership Team will be doing another search to fill the ministry before September, if you or you know someone interested please contact Fr. Paul at: pastor@saintambrose.com

Weekly Mass Intentions

July 24th, Mrs. Rosalind Hill, deceased mother to our Mrs. Janice Mewr-Pira, on the 20th anniversary of her passing.

July 31st, Mrs. Irene Logan and Mr. Fred Buchanan,
May they rest in peace.

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



World Grandparents Day

Today is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly It coincides with the

Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26. Today a special blessing for grandparents along with a small gift for all gathered that day.

Tithe & Continuing the Mission Updates

7/3/22: \$5,548 Continuing the Mission: \$780

7/10/22: \$6,373 Continuing the Mission: \$225

7/17/22: \$2,651 Continuing the Mission: \$152

St. Ambrose Parish

**Mass On The
Grass Returns**



**Mass-on-the-Grass &
Community Day**

Sunday, August 28th, 2022

Mark your Calendar and bring a friend or two.

**Baltimore Islanders Steel Band, noon to 3pm
Food, kids games and more. . .**



Healing Prayer: Mary Ad-
derly, Helen Augins, Karen
Brown-Berkley, Wanda
Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy
Burundi, Al Butler, Anita
Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix,
Linda Davis, Dale Dyson, Wil-
liam Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sa-
rah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones,
Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble,
Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Melissa Ringgold-Benson, Rhonda
Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Sr. Helene
Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine & Archie
Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas,
Sherria Waters, William young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.