Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.
The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. R.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. R.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. R.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. R

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Brothers and sisters:
Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name. **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.
When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."
The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Christmas Senior Luncheon

All those 50 years and above are welcome to our next senior luncheon scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10th at 10:30am in the rectory. We gather for lunch and 15 games of prize bingo, door prizes, etc. Please use the envelopes to sign up.

Advent Phone Prayer Partners

Please join a group of parishioners for prayer each week day morning and evening. Now until Friday until December 23, 2022 No Weekend, Time: 8:30AM to 9:00AM
OR 8:30PM to 9:15PM Eastern Time, Zoom Information:
Meeting ID: 829 1209 5983 Passcode: 188189
Dial-in Information (Dial by your location)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington.

CDA Christmas Project

Please support the CDA by taking a bulb from the tree and return items by Dec. 18th.

St. Vincent de Paul Project

See the flyers on the information table for the items collected for Oblate Sisters, Women Vets and seafarers.

Mass Intentions

Dec. 4th, Mrs. Augustine Stith on her birthday, requested by her husband, Mr. Archie Stith.
Dec. 11th, Mrs. Angelina Daniel, deceased mother of our Ms. Denise Daniel, on the 16th anniversary of her passing.
Dec. 18th, Mr. George Augins, on the 7rth anniversary of his passing, at the request of his daughters, 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. Nicholas Visits St. Ambrose

St. Nicholas will visit the parish Sunday, Dec. 11th at the 10am mass. St. Nicholas will gather the children for a special blessing. He brings a small gift for each child and in turn asks them to make a donation to the Chrysalis House for their Christmas activities. Please invite the children of the family to attend.

Children's Liturgy Word

The next celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is today Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. All children 5yrs of age and older are invited to participate.

Leadership Team Meeting

The Leadership Team will meet Sunday, January 8th, after mass in the St. Augustine room

Tithe Update:

11/20/22: $3,541.00 Continuing the Mission: $150
Campaign for Human Development: $170.00
11/27/22: $5,382.00 CM: $330.00
Thanksgiving: $960.00

Holiday Schedule at Saint Ambrose

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day Mass at 10am

Saturday, December 31st, New Year Eve NO MASS

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Mass as usual at 10am

Season of Advent

Through the Advent Season wel reflect on our themes : Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. Each week a guest homilist/speaker will help us focus on the theme of the day in preparation for Christ's coming again.

Today, Sunday, Dec. 4th, Ms. Adrienne Curry, Director of the Office of Black Catholic will speak on PEACE and the Racial reality in the city and nation.
Next **Sunday, Dec. 11th,** Bishop Lewandowski will be the guest and he will speak on JOY, and the reality of refugees and immigrants.
Sunday, Dec. 18th, Deacon Steve Roscher from the archdiocese of Baltimore will speak on LOVE and the reality of Domestic Violence.

St. Ambrose Family Christmas Tree

One of our wonderful traditions here at St. Ambrose is our Family Christmas Tree which displays photos of all our members. If you are new to the parish and would like to add your photo please see Mr. George Johnson after mass to have your photo taken. Your name and pic will be placed on an ornament to be added to the tree decorations this year.

Christmas Caroling

Please join us in making a joyful noise in our neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2022 at 6pm. We will sing and do some evangelization in the hood.

Christmas House Cleaning

Come and join us in getting the church is special space for the Christmas holiday, join us for church cleaning on Sat. Dec. 17th, 9:30am coffee & donuts followed by cleaning.

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate, a day of obligation for Catholics, mass will be offered at 9am here in church.

Healing Prayer: Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Sylvia Skinner, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr., Alice Zaborowski and Fr. Paul Zaborowski.