

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. R.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. R.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

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Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-33

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat

along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"



He proposed another parable to them. **"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky' come and dwell in its branches."**

He spoke to them another parable.

"The kingdom of heaven is like

yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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



Mother Mary Lange Declared Venerable!

On June 22nd Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, a Black religious sister who founded the country's first African-American religious congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1829 from servant of God to **venerable**.

Now What?

1. Thank God this event happened.
2. Prayer through her intercession for a miracle. One miracle is needed for her to be declared "Blessed" and a second miracle for "Sainthood". Any time someone is ill, prayer, **"Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mother Mary Lange, heal this person!"** Repeat, repeat! Tell others to do the same.
3. Support the Oblate Sisters of Providence and make a donation for the Cause to be promoted.
4. We will pray the prayer for canonization weekly here at St. Ambrose.

Mark Your Calendars NOW! Mass-on-the-Grass!

Sunday, August 27th, 2023, 10am

Food, games, kids activities, vendors and more!

We need help to set up and take down so sign up at the Sign Up Table in the back of church today!



Sign up to Help!

In these post Covid days we would like to build up our ministries. If you are interested, please sign up to be a member of our Gospel Choir, Children/youth Choir, any liturgical ministry or helping in religious education OR signing a young person up for confirmation Class—please stop by the SIGN UP TABLE in the back of church. WE NEED YOU!

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday & Wednesday, 9:30am to 2pm

Mass Intentions

July 23, Mrs. Pauline Burris, deceased mother to our Mrs. Reva Stephens, on the 37th anniversary of her passing.

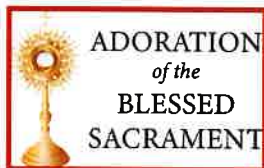
July 30, Mr. James Claypoole, Jr. at the request of Sr. M. Beth Buettner, SSND.

Friary Chapel: If you would like the friars to remember one of your intention at daily mass please use the envelopes on the info table and drop in the collection basket.

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

Holy Hour for Peace

The next Hour Holy is schedule for Sunday, August 20th, at 8:45am with rosary at 9:30 followed by Benediction. Come and spend an hour in prayer.



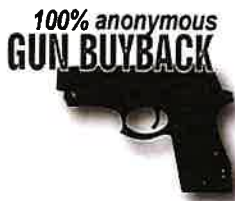
Tithe Update

7/2/23; Reg. \$4,837.00 CM: \$685

7/9/23; Reg. \$2,393.00 (O my!) CM: \$300.00

Gun Buy Back Program

The Archdiocese with the cooperation of St. Joseph Monastery parish is sponsoring a gun buy back program to lessen the number of guns on the streets of Baltimore. The Archdiocese asked for support so Fr. Paul sent a check for \$750.00 to support the Buy Back.



Black Catholic Congress

Fr. Paul, Deacons Rubio & Presberry and a number of Parishioners are attending the National Black Catholic Congress at the National Harbor in Washington, DC this weekend. This is a gathering of Black Catholic communities around the country gathering in solidarity and prayer. Fr. Rigobel returns today to cover for Fr. Paul. Please pray for safe travel and God's blessing on everyone gathering.



Peace Walk Scheduled

Bishop Lewandowski invites everyone to give a witness at our Prayer Walks scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month, 5:30pm to 7:30pm. They begin with a light meal at each site followed by the walk. Oct. 3rd, Basilica of the Assumption, 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201



Perpetual Vows of Sister Mary Pauline

Sister Mary Pauline Tamakloe, OSP, invites everyone to celebrate her Profession of Perpetual Vows on Monday, August 14, 2023, 11am at Our Lady of Mt. Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227. What a joyful occasion as Sister gives her life to Christ and the service of His church. Sister is currently a teacher at Cardinal Sheehan School. Congratulations Sister Pauline!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY (VIRTUS)



Please be advised the Archdiocese of Baltimore requires ALL adult volunteers (regardless of whether they have substantial contact with children or not) to be registered in VIRTUS (program formally known as STAND)

VIRTUS is the child protection compliance management system used by all Archdiocesan school and parishes. Wondering what category you fall in? Contact our parish VIRTUS coordinator, Mrs. Gloria Jiggetts for help. The process is very simple! Please help us in maintaining compliance with the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS: (age 14-17) are required to take the Worthy of the Call training before you can volunteer. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer here in the parish or need service hours, please contact Mrs. Jiggetts as well. Virtus@saintambrose.com or call the rectory to contact Mrs. Jiggetts in person.



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Earlene Forrest, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble,

Frances Gladden, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, S. Ann Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Jack Livers, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Linelle Russell, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Corey Williams, Charles Williams, Inez Yarrow, William Young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.