

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

Liturgy of the Word



First Reading:
1 King 3: 5-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "**Ask something of me and I will give it to you.**"

Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David;

but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. ***I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.***" The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 119**

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. R.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. R.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. R.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

Second Reading: **Romans 8: 28-30**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined

to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13: 44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes."

And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." **The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**



Venerable Mother Mary Lange
Now What?

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.



PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION
OF MOTHER MARY LANGE

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and a more fervent love of You. Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor ***(here mention your request)*** which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen!

Please report any extraordinary healing to the Motherhouse.

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!

Mass Intentions

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

Aug. 6th, Mr. Henry Zaborowski, deceased father to our Fr. Paul. On the 22nd anniversary of his passing.

Aug. 13th, Mrs. Ella Thornton, deceased wife to Mr. Vernon Thornton and mother of Ms. April Thornton, on the 4th anniversary of her passing.

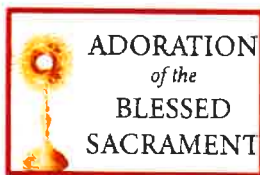
Aug. 15th, 9am mass, Mr. Eugene C. Kernan, requested by Sr. Mary Beth Buettner, SSND

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.



Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, **August 15th** is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Mass will be offered here in the church at 9am. Please come out and join us. No livestream!



Tithe Update

7/16/23; Reg. \$4,504.00 CM: \$250
Mission Coop: \$225. Please keep your tithe updated during these summer months. The bills keep coming!

Peace Walk Scheduled

Bishop Lewandowski invites everyone to give a witness at our Prayer Walks scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month, 5:15pm to 7:30pm. They begin with a light meal at each site followed by the walk. Tuesday, August 1st, St. Veronica, Cherry Hill, & Oct. 3rd, Basilica of the Assumption, 409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201



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.

Parish Membership Update

Fr. Paul has reviewed the census for the parish and has removed close to 70 registrations of people who have shown no activity on their envelope or are physically present. This will save us a great deal with each registration costing the parish monthly. **Please be aware it is our policy to not allow**

someone to register another person for membership in the parish. We ask that you NOT call and ask to register a family member who will probably not attend. This is what we are trying to avoid—a census full of inactive people. We are quiet aware these days with smaller numbers who actually belongs and who doesn't. **WE WILL NOT ALLOW SOMEONE TO REGISTER ANOTHER PERSON—THEY MUST REGISTER THEMSELVES IN PERSON AND MAKE REGULAR USE OF THEIR ENVELOPES AND BE INVOLVED IN PARISH LIFE.**



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 Yarbrough, William Young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.