

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Nov. 5, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Mal. 2: 14, 14-20

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers? **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 131

Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me. R.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me. R.

O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever. R.

Second Reading: 1 Thes. 2: 7-13

Brothers and sisters:

We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels

They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'

As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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

Chapter 11 Reorganization of Archdiocese & Regular Operating Expenses

As you have heard here in church and numerous times on radio and TV, the Archdiocese of Baltimore claimed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy as of Oct. 1, 2023. The Archdiocese claims this will allow the victims of sexual abuse by clergy to have equal access to the limited funds available.

The bankruptcy safeguards the church to allow for regular operating and maintenance. Over the past few weeks, Fr. Paul has attended endless meetings regarding the Chapter 11 and initially there was to be no effect on the parish financially.

As of last week, Bishop Parker addressed the priests to inform us the parish will be effected financially with the responsibility of paying for the law firm which will protect the interest of the parishes. Now that the archdiocese has claimed Chapter 11, the plaintiffs may now go after the individual parishes to file claims.

Bishop Parker did not indicate what financial responsibility this will mean for the individual parishes but will assure the parishes are covered if any case is filed against them. This "donation" from the parish proves that everyone in the archdiocese is sharing the responsibility of the expenses and retribution. What does this mean and how much? Is yet to be determined. We all share the burden of someone else's sin!

Also, you may have noticed in the bulletin our collections seem to be decreasing—they are. The past month we have seen collections below \$3,000 a week. Not sure of the reasoning? Are people giving less because they don't want their money going to the Archdiocese or simply the current situation has people giving less? Time will tell. Right now, Fr. Paul can simply say—it is having an effecting on the financial stability of the parish so please continue to support your parish. Fr. Paul will update us with more information in the future concerning the issue. Let us pray for the victims and pray for reconciliation and forgiveness.

Peace Walk

The next Peace Walk is for Tuesday, November 7th, at Our Lady of Pompeii, at 5:30pm with a light meal then go out into the neighborhood to pause and pray were violence has touched the neighborhood.



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Matt 23:12

Mass Intentions

Nov. 1st, Wed., 9am mass offered for all our parishioners living and deceased.

Nov. 5, Mrs. Shirley Jones, on the 15th anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving husband, Mr. Joseph Jones.

Nov. 12th, Mrs. Kathy Burundi, on the 1st anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving husband, Mr. Ahmad Burundi.
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.

Holy Hour for Peace

The next Holy Hour is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19th at 8:45am with rosary at 9:30 followed by Benediction. Come and spend an hour in prayer.



Children's Liturgy Word

The next celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is today Sunday, the next is Nov. 12 & 26th, 2023. All children 5yrs of age and older are invited to participate. The children will gather on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please encourage the children to come forward when called.

Men's Group Food Collection

The Men's Group is planning a food drive for their Men's day and are in need of these preferred items: Canned Tomatoes, Beans, Soup, Vegetables, Fruit, Spam, Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Rolled Oats, Rice and pasta.

Adult Education with Sr. Seton

Monday, November 20th. Topic: Chair Yoga.

November 26th Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, Nov. 26th is the Feast of Christ the King. Please come to church dress in red or gold or both to add to the festivity of the day. Jesus Christ is truly our KING!



St. Nicholas Visits St. Ambrose

St. Nicholas will visit the parish Sunday, Dec. 3rd at the 10am mass. St. Nicholas will gather the children for a special blessing and brings a small gift for each child and in turn asks them to make a donation to the Chrysalis House for their activities. Please invite the children of the family to attend.



Stop & Go Mass!

Change of Date!

**Saturday, Nov. 11th at
9:30am**

Fr. Paul will host a *Stop & Go Mass* in the Church for

all those wanting to learn more about the *How's* and *Why's* of the Mass.

Come out and join us and learn something more about the beauty of our mass.

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
10:00 AM
MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION
"STRONGER TOGETHER"
ECCLESIASTES 4:12
ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4502 PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE
BALTIMORE MD
MORE INFORMATION:
DEACON RUBIO 410.207.8581 DEACON PRESBERRY 443.930.6082 CARLTON GORDON 410.960.4456



Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday,
November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Day**

Mass will be offered here in church at **9:30am**

Please bring a loaf of bread and/or a bottle of wine to be blessed at mass for you to take back home to share at your table.

All monetary donations will support the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tithe Update

10/22/23; Reg. \$2,918.00 Black & Indian Mission: \$521
World Missions; \$110.00 Capuchin Friars; \$490.00



Healing Prayer: Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Debbie Chase, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, 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, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.