

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Nov. 12, 2023

Liturgy of the Word



First Reading:
Wisdom 6: 12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.

For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude. **The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 118**

Response:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.
R.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. R.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. R.

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. R.

Second Reading: 1 Thes. 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. .

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.



The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Update by Fr. Paul concerning
Chapter 11 Reorganization of Archdiocese

Last Sunday after mass, Fr. Paul spoke to the community concerning the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy safeguards the church to allow for regular operation and maintenance and gives just compensation to the victims of clergy sexual abuse.

Fr. Paul explained how this would effect the parish financially.

Two weeks ago, Bishop Parker addressed the priests to say the parishes will be responsible for paying the law firm hired to protect the interest of the parishes. With the Chapter 11, the plaintiffs may now go after the individual parishes to file claims.

Fr. Paul explained the amount needed will be based on the income of the parish and we should be receiving a letter indicating that amount. This "donation" from the parish proves that everyone in the archdiocese is sharing the responsibility of the expenses and retribution. The money gives the parish legal protection from future claims against the parish.

Fr. Paul entertained questions concerning the deceased in our weekly, in-pew tithe?

The past month we have seen collections below \$3,000 a week. Not sure of the reasoning? **If people are giving less because they don't want their money going to the Archdiocese, this is dangerous for the parish.** Fr. Paul can simply say—it is having an effecting on the financial stability of the parish so please continue to support your parish. These designated amount are the only funds going to the situation.

Fr. Paul will inform the parish of the amount as soon as the letter is received.

Let us pray for the victims and pray for reconciliation and forgiveness.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 12th, Mrs. Kathy Burundi, on the 1st anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving husband, Mr. Ahmad Burundi.
Nov. 19th, Mrs. Imelda Rubio, on the 6th anniversary of her passing. Requested by Deacon and Michelle Rubio.
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 schedule 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.



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.



A Note of Thanks. . .

Dear Fr. Paul & St. Ambrose Family: Thank you for the wonderful hospitality and celebration of our 150th jubilee as a Province. The great liturgy, warm fellowship, and gracious welcome are hallmarks of a parish with a bright future.

Be assured of my prayers and that of our Province in these challenging

and grace-filled days. Fraternally, grateful,
Br. Bob Marva, OFM, Cap.

Provincial Minister of the Province of St. Augustine

New Missals have arrived

The new missal for 2024 have arrived and are on the gift table. Donation: \$5.00. We have purchased 20 so if you want one—first come first serve, otherwise Amazon or St. Jude Gift Shop downtown. Thank you!

Tithe Update

10/29/23; Reg. \$5,674.00 Cont. Mission: \$230.00

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
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
DEACON RUBIO 410.207.8591
DEACON PRESBERRY 443.930.6092
CARLTON GORDON 410.960.4456

Men's Group Food Collection for Men's Day

Please consider a donation of non-perishables to stock the pantry: canned Tomatoes, Beans, Soup, Vegetables, Fruit, Spam, Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Rolled Oats, Rice and pasta. Place your donation in the box at the front door of church. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Day

Thursday,
November 23, 2023
Thanksgiving Day

Mass 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



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, Earlene Forrest, 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.