

**MORE ON THE MISSION STATEMENT**

Among the people and ministries of the parish, approximately 64 responses to the survey about the mission statement were returned. Many comments suggested that it could be made more effective if the proposed update was shorter. Many want to see an explicit mention of our catholicity. Almost all were emphatic that maintaining its emphasis on hospitality and welcome as hallmarks of our community is important.

Among the responses:

- ◆ 63 of 64 agree or strongly agree that the sample draft faithfully encapsulates our mission;
- ◆ 60 of 61 agree or strongly agree that it is sufficiently comprehensive;
- ◆ 59 of 61 agree or strongly agree that it is appropriately specific; and
- ◆ 58 of 62 agree or strongly agree that it is clear and coherent.

Based on all of this feedback the Parish Mission Council proposes the mission statement as it is printed on the previous page.

**2026 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT**

The reverse side of the page with today’s Scripture readings has a compilation of the survey cards we filled out in church over the last two weekends. We had a total of 227 people in church, 89% of whom identify as Black or African American. 8% identify as White of Caucasian. The remaining 3% identify as Hispanic or Latino. 135 are female; 92 are male. The age distribution is heaviest between the ages of 60 and 80, but another 54% fall into other age categories. Complete data is available on the insert.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 05/03: Clyde Henderson Jackman on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his passing, requested by his loving wife, Millie;
- 05/07: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/10: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/14: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/17: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 05/21: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

*Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS**

This Thursday there are no confessions at 4:30 in the afternoon. There will be Mass at 6:00 pm as usual.

There is no Bible study this Wednesday evening. It will resume on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The conversation about the origins of the four Gospels will continue.

**TITHES AND COLLECTIONS**

<i>26 April 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$851.80
<i>26 April 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$6,360.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$7,211.80</b>
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



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**PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

*If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor, a deacon, or a eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office.*

*Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:*

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|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mary Adderly            | Louis Cooper     | Gloria B. Harris         | Brenda Richardson           | Jean Thomas                |
| E-Otree Allen           | Linda Davis      | Angela Johnson           | Charles Richardson Williams | Kenneth Townsend, Sr.      |
| Phillip Ashton          | Kenneth Davis    | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Corey Richardson            | Tammy Vaughn               |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis      | Josie Johnson            | Carl & Bernice Shrieves     | Rosalie Watkins            |
| Jean Bennett            | Dale Dyson       | Joseph Jones             | Danielle Singley            | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Parrish Boyd            | Earlene Forrest  | Lydia Lashley            | Bryan Smith                 | Yvonne Wilder              |
| Karen Brown-Berkley     | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith       | Daniel Smith Sr.            | William Young, Sr.         |
| Michael Bruce           | Eric Frazier     | Ernest Livers            | Archie Stith                | Alice Zaborowski           |
| Renee Bruce             | Sarah Gamble     | Charles Manns, III       | Rosalita Stone              |                            |
| Al Butler               | JoAnn Glenn      | Kimberly Merrill         | Gloria Tate                 |                            |
| Debbie Chase            | Karen Gross      | Danielle Owens           | Ernest Thames               |                            |

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 May 2026

### FIRST READING

*Acts 6: 1 - 7*

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 33: 1 - 2, 4 - 5, 18 - 19*

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2: 4 - 9*

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### GOSPEL

*John 14: 1 - 12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough

for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”



The 2026 Mass Attendance Count was conducted on two Sundays, April 19 and April 26. It intended to capture some demographic information regarding those who attended Mass either or both of those days. The table in the following column is the data forwarded to the Archdiocese’s Office of the Chancellor.

<b>Archdiocese of Baltimore</b>	
<b>2026 Mass Attendance Count</b>	
<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
up to 6 years	8
7 - 13	5
14 - 17	2
18 - 20	2
21 - 29	10
30 - 39	9
40 - 49	12
50 - 59	4
60 - 69	19
70 - 79	18
80+	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
up to 6 years	1
7 - 13	7
14 - 17	4
18 - 20	1
21 - 29	8
30 - 39	6
40 - 49	9
50 - 59	15
60 - 69	33
70 - 79	35
80+	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Ethnic Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
Black / African American	202
Asian	0
Hispanic / Latino	7
American Indian	0
Pacific Islander	0
White / Caucasian	18
Other	0
Unknown / Blank	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>