

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

We are to be content with what we have.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’”.

(Heb. 13:5)

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”  
The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith— being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire— may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN  
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE  
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

- ✧ As we pray, let us remember Kelsey; Mark; Tony; Donna; Mark; Clara & Karin (and all the Dreamers); Shirley; Sarah; Marge; Roger; Bruce; Randall; Joe; Rebecca; Gary; Janie; Sarah & her unborn baby girl; Vicki; Jeannie; Virginia & her family; Marian & Shari; Dean; Lori; Val; Hollis & Denise; Jim; Helen; Nat; Keira .
- ✧ We celebrate the baptismal birthdays of Ashlynn Baldwin, Luc Speer, Vicki Cantrill, Graham Burke, Matthew Allen, Pat Murray, Linda Phillips, Jolie Thomas, Riley Graber.

Our altar flowers are given by  
Bob & Kim Crecca  
for their wedding anniversary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS** The current devotional expires today. Please consider recycling your copy by bringing it to church on or before May 7. There will be a receptacle for the used devotionals on the shelf in the Parish Hall. The expired devotionals will be used in blessing bags and large print editions will be taken to Perryville prison. Thank you!

**YOUTH GAME NIGHT** Bring a friend to Game Night, this Thursday, 6:30-8PM. This is a great way to grow closer to other young people in the St. John's community. We will be talking about upcoming trips to Sedona, Lake Pleasant and Chapel Rock. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. See Pastor Joel for more information.

**WORK DAY**

This Saturday, starting at 7 AM. Bring shovels, wheel barrels, gloves, sunscreen, hats and a positive attitude. We will be moving some soil and blocks to the garden, working on the garden irrigation, tracing some electrical lines, patching some settling cracks in the walls to name a few. We plan to get in, "get 'er done" and get out before it gets too hot. Attitude is everything . . . with the grace of God.

**WE HAD AN AWESOME EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY!** Approximately 1,200 eggs were eagerly collected by 56 excited children! It was a wonderful success for all! A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy, the volunteers who stuffed the eggs, put out the eggs for the hunt, and helped at the egg hunt! This event for the children was made possible with all your wonderful help!

**RACE DAY!** Join Women Unlimited to watch the Kentucky Derby at Padre Murphy's, Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2PM. There will be a hat contest, mint juleps, lunch and watching the derby and all that entails. Sign up sheet at the vestry table. Further details—see Nancy Young or Marjorie Thompson.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, June 26—30, 5:30-7:30PM, for ages 4 yrs - 12 yrs. Registration begins next Sunday and will take place after each service in the Parish Hall?

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP** Parents, there is still time to register for Children's Camp at our Diocese's Chapel Rock Summer Camp in Prescott. Camperships are available if there is a financial need. Also, Family Camp takes place at Chapel Rock July 6-9. Family camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with God! For more details on the camps or camperships, see Peggy Diaz after today's service or email her: ([peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org)). You can also go to [www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm](http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm) for information and to register for the camps.

**IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE**, a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY & POWWOW MINISTRIES** need plastic grocery bags. If you have some to spare, please place them in the wicker basket under the round table in the kitchen. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday / Serving the Church that Serves	
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
Tue.	Faith Through The Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Sat.	Work Day	8 AM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Jewelry sale featuring James Avery	
	after each service	
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Sunday Youth Program (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Baptism &amp; Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Jazz at Twilight	6 PM

**FOOD PANTRY**  
canned soup; Sloppy Joe; water  
instant mashed potatoes; rice  
toilet paper

**BLESSING BAGS**  
Travel size or individually wrapped please  
Pop tarts; pretzels  
wrapped cookies; packets of peanuts  
small bags of Goldfish crackers