

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

God wants us to know the state of our finances.  
“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,  
give careful attention to your herds;  
for riches do not endure forever, and a crown  
is not secure for all generations” (Prov. 27:23-24)..

### FIRST READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 128

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

### SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his

purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**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 James; Shannon; John; Lexi; Sheri; Steve; Roy; Michael; Eddie; Terri; Bob; Anthony; Lisa; Todd; John, Daniel & Adrian; Roger, Libby & their family; Steve; John; Angie; Randall; Terri; Virginia & her family; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Helen; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by  
Jim & Janet Bennett  
*In celebration of the birth of  
Elizabeth Grace  
to Beth Anne and Matt Johnson*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Beginning Thursday, August 3, The Rev. Carmen Guerrero will be leading a Women's Bible Study group at 6:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be in the Library. The group will begin with the study of the Book of Ruth, and will meet each Thursday evening. Rev. Guerrero will be available following each worship service this coming Sunday for all interested women to sign up and ask her any questions about joining the study group.

**THE CURRENT FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL EXPIRES THE END OF JULY.** Please consider recycling your copy by bringing it to church on or before August 13th. 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!

**~ WHAT'S GOING ON WITH FTTA ~**

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS

- ◆ Our new exhibit will feature the art work of Chuck Brothers. Join us for a Meet the Artist wine and cheese reception this Saturday at 6 PM. Dan Basche will be on hand to introduce his good friend, Chuck. Chuck has won many awards including the Prescott Art Festival.
- ◆ This is really far out, but mark you calendars for September 16 when we will have the Baile Forklorico de Niños (Forkloric Youth Dancers) TAMALES, TAMALES, TAMALES. Who doesn't like homemade tamales. Rev Carmen has a friend who will be selling these delicious tamales at the dance, but you have to order them before hand so there will enough for everyone. Price will be \$15 per dozen or \$8 for 6. Can't you just smell that aroma now??? We'll let you know when you can order.

**THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY**  
meets this Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM  
to prepare & transport food,  
then serve approximately 80 veterans  
at the US Vets Center.

We welcome all parish members willing to help.

**FR. JACKSON WILL BE DOING A BACKPACK BLESSING FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 10 AM SERVICE.** Please have your child bring their school backpack to the service so they can start their school year with a Blessing! Please see Peggy Diaz, if you have an questions.

**IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE,** a member of the 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 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to give out food during the week. Please contact Sherrill Adkins or sign up in the Parish Hall.

**FOOD PANTRY**  
pork and beans; mac and cheese;  
'Helpers'; applesauce;  
toothpaste & toothbrushes; water

**BLESSING BAGS**  
Travel size or individually wrapped please  
bottled water; candy ( no chocolate);  
Cheez-it crackers; chips;  
cracker & cheese packets;  
Pop tarts

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Faith Through The Arts meeting	2:30 PM
	Joyful Noise choir practice	
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
	Land Use Task Force (CH3)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (L)	6 PM
Fri.	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (kitchen)	10 AM
Sat.	Meet the Artist/Chuck Brothers	
	Wine & Cheese reception	6:30 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Healing Litany &amp; Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	<b>Healing Litany &amp; Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM