

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Money is a means to the greater end of glorifying God
as we demonstrate practical Christianity in our lives.

*"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).*

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name,
lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have
secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, 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 stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for

those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, 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, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? 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 say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Our altar flowers are given
In memory of Dovie's 50th wedding anniversary

**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 Randall; Connie; Lisa; Annette; Sarah & her unborn baby girl; Jessica; Jeniene; Bob; Kelsey; Mark; Marge; Tony; Donna; Mark; Clara & Karin (and all the Dreamers); Shirley; Virginia & her family; Lori; Val; Hollis & Denise; Jim; Helen; Nat; Keira .
- ✧ We pray for those who have died, especially Ruth Watt Rich.

**WE WELCOME
MIA RAMIREZ FERNANDEZ
AND
JAZYLYNN ADAME
WHO HAVE BEEN SEALED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BAPTISM
AND MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN FOR EVER.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY CONTINUES THEIR DISCUSSION OF "**LORD TEACH US: THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**" by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon. Join them today and next Sunday at 9:10 AM as they delve into the study of Lord's Prayer and it's practice in our lives.

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.

OUR POWWOW & FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES need plastic grocery bags so don't throw used bags out—recycle them with us! Please place them in the wicker basket under the round table in the kitchen. Thanks!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Sunday Youth Program (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
Tue.	Faith Through The Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Old Testament in Review/Bible Study	6 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Sunday Youth Program (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM

FOOD PANTRY
ramen noodles; mac n' cheese
canned corn, soup
bath soap

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
potato chips, pretzels, etc ; cookies;
peanut butter or cheese crackers
small fruit packets; water