

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God uses money to confirm direction.
*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6).*

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *

which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, *

and not forget the deeds of God,

but keep his commandments;

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**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 Sara; Joe; the Bentley family; Joyce; Terri; Sue; Emily; Haley & Andrew; Joyce; John; Susie; Michael; Ken; Linda; Robert; Scott; HT; Mike; Betty; Marge; Elizabeth; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .

Our altar flowers are given by Dovie Templin
In memory of Max

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AS WE DID LAST YEAR, THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER GIFT CARDS TO THE VETERANS AT THE US VETS CENTER IN CENTRAL PHOENIX. Last year through the generosity of the parishioners at St John's, we were able to deliver over sixty (60) gift cards to needy veterans. The Milk Can is out and we ask you to consider a donation to thank our less than fortunate veterans at the Center for their service. Thank you and blessing to all, Buz Isban.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY This week, we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome!

JSOUP KITCHEN NIGHT AT THE CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL This Tuesday is our night! Please join us for an evening of sharing Christ's love with a great group of folks. We begin about 4: 10PM. See Dan Basche's message in the column next to this one for more details.

JOIN THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S FOR BREAKFAST AT CRACKER BARREL THIS SATURDAY. We will meet in St. John's parking lot at 8:30 a.m., then car pool to the Cracker Barrel at 26th Ave. / Deer Valley. We should be there about 9:00. They do not take reservations, but MaryJane has talked with them and they know we are coming. Sign up in the Parish Hall so we have an idea of how many people to expect.

PRISON MINISTRY MEETING —if you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please join Deacon Kim after today's service — 9:15-9:45 AM or 11:30AM-12:15PM

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY We continue sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. We meet 9:10 to 9:55 AM. If you have questions, contact Dan Basche, Mary Grace Gannon, or Rose Hartley.

FOOD PANTRY

soup, brownie mix, gallon size 'zip top' bags
bath soap, shampoo & conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
granola bars, small bottles of hand sanitizer,
cookies, travel sized bar soap and shampoo

THANKSGIVING DAY — POTLUCK LUNCH

There will be a potluck lunch on Thanksgiving Day in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 11am and lunch begins at noon. Please bring a favorite dish that would have been on your table to share with others present.

INFO & UPDATES FROM DAN BASCHE

- * Our Soup kitchen visit is this Tues. Nov. 14th. We are always collecting any soaps, lotions, shampoos, or anything else helpful from motels or hotels such as sewing kits or individual laundry detergents to help them out. During these cooler months we give out wrapped cheese or p-nut butter crackers or cookies also. Be on the lookout for cold weather things for the cold nights coming up: sleeping bags, blankets, jackets, sweaters, sweat jackets, gloves, knit caps, or any thing else that will keep them warm or dry. For comments or questions talk to Dan B.
- * We'll be starting our Angel Tree again this year about Nov. 19th and it will end sometime near Dec. 17th. You can share the costs and/or shopping with a friend.
- * Adult Sunday Sch. is meeting each Sun. in Chilton Hall Rm. 3 at about 9:10—9:55 AM. We would love to have anyone interested join us for study and discussion. You don't need to be an expert!
- * We are always looking for new or used Bibles to send with Emmanuel on his next trip to Africa.

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
	Prison Ministry Meeting (two time options)	9:15 & 11:30
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Inquirers' Class (CH3)	after second service
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited/Cracker Barrel	9 AM
	Greeters Ministry meeting (PH)	11 AM
Sun.	DOK Renewal of Vows (each service)	
	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
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