

## 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

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.  
As the eyes of servants look to  
the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the

breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**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.**

Our altar flowers are given by Bob & Kim Crecca  
*For the birthday of their daughter, Amber Trollinger.*

✧ As we pray, let us remember Francisco; Anita; Zoey; Alex; Abel, Angelo; the Juanillo family; Tori; the Klamka family, the people of Sutherland TX; Sara; Joe; Tommy; Alan; Terri; Colin; Sue; the Austin family; Emily; Haley & Andrew; Joyce; John; Susie; Michael; Ken; Linda; Robert; Scott; HT; Mike; Betty; Marge; Elizabeth; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

**FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS** thanks everyone who made "Windows of Opportunity" a success. We are almost at our goal! Those who received a call to pickup their gifts, please do so as soon as possible. If you can't locate them, please check with a FTTA member. Again THANK YOU. We'll keep you posted when we hear when the windows will be ready!

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

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATION SIGN UP SHEETS ARE  
IN THE ALTAR FLOWER NOTEBOOK**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PERRYVILLE WOMEN'S PRISON

On Sunday, November 26th before and between services, the members of St. John's are invited to sign and mail Christmas cards to the ladies incarcerated in Perryville Women's Prison. The cards, envelopes, and address labels will be available on tables in the Parish Hall, but we need postage stamps! If each member of St. John's could bring just 10 postage stamps to donate, it would be enough to send out at least one card to every woman who has requested to be on the Christmas list and help us send December birthday cards as well. Please help us send these cards to those who are especially hard hit by the holidays and share the message of God's love with them this Christmas. Thank you so much for your help! PS: If you have any extra Christmas cards or birthday cards (that don't have glitter or removable parts), please consider donating them to this program for future use.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>DOK Renewal of Vows (each service)</b>	
	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Inquirers' Class (CH3)	after second service
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Faith Through the Arts (L)	4:30PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	THANKSGIVING DAY / OFFICE CLOSED	
	Potluck Lunch (see info above)	
Sun.	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 Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

~ OUR NEXT POW-WOW IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 ~

### 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