

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God expects Christians to pay their taxes,
since the government is ordained and authorized by God.
"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's" (Matt. 22:21).

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When

the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**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 HT; Mike; Betty; Marge; Elizabeth; Sherry; Ken; Brody; Chandler; Carlos & his family; the Dodds family; Yamille; John; Michael; John; Jeff; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✧ We pray for those who have died, especially The Rev. Carl Carozzi and those who died as a result of the Las Vegas tragedy.
- ✧ We give thanks for rescuers, caregivers & comforters.

Our altar flowers are given
in celebration of Beth Anne & Matt's wedding
and by Peggy & Steve
In memory of our daughter, Brenda Scarbrough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE 242ND BIRTHDAY OF
THE UNITED STATES NAVY (OCTOBER 13, 1775),
THE FLAG SIGNIFYING THIS BRANCH OF OUR MILITARY
HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.
WE DO SO IN REMEMBRANCE OF AND THANKSGIVING FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED & THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING.**

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Join us this Tuesday evening for our discussion of the Gospel of Matthew. We meet at 6 PM in the Parish Hall.

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW

ALL SOULS' DAY WILL BE OBSERVED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1. Prayers for those who have died will be read at 6:30 PM service. If you would like to include the names of your loved ones, the sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall next to the Altar Flower notebook. PLEASE print legibly and use one line for each person to be remembered.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS—WHATEVER—PLEASE STOP AND TALK WITH A VESTRY MEMBER BETWEEN SERVICES. Just look for the sign "CHAT WITH THE VESTRY" in the parish hall near the back tables. We look forward to meeting and talking with each of you!

OUR ANNUAL INGATHERING TAKES PLACE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH. On that morning we will all have an opportunity to make a pledge to St. John's for 2018. Making a pledge is important to St. John's as it allows the vestry to make plans helps us continue our journey of Growing our Faith Through Giving.

THE APPARENT PROJECT Be sure to visit their table for beautiful gifts — think Christmas! Your purchases support a wonderful cause for Haitian families, who are especially in need following hurricane season.

KAIROS OUTSIDE PHOENIX IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION - THEIR OWN OR THAT OF A LOVED ONE. We provide free weekends for the Guests where they are reminded about God's great love and compassion for them. Please see Gina Pollard to sign the prayer vigil to ensure that the weekend is covered in prayer.

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY We continue sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. We begin at 9:10 and end in time for you to get to the second service. If you have questions, contact Dan Basche, Mary Grace Gannon, or Rose Hartley.

IF YOU HAVE A DONATION FOR OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY contact Kurt Gruenberg, azkurtgrue@q.com or 623-376-0776.

FOOD PANTRY
gravy, instant potatoes, candy, corn, cookies

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
toothbrush, toothpaste, chips, cookies,
gallon size zip lock baggies