

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God expects us to provide for our families.
"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, *and especially for his immediate family,*
he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8).

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he

went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**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 Sherry; Ken; Brody; Chandler; Carlos & his family; the Dodds family; Yamille; John; Michael; John; Jeff; Jenny; Lisa; Steve; Colin; Anthony; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .
- ✧ We pray for all who are in the paths of natural disaster and the aftermath. We give thanks for the rescuers & comforters.

Our altar flowers are given by Michael & Marty Conner
Thanksgiving for our parents, Bill & Joy; Wayne & Evelyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Next Sunday, October 1 at 4 PM, we will have a special service in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. Dogs, cats, horses, fish, snakes, birds – and any other of God’s creatures that share your heart and home – are welcome to come and receive a special blessing. The service will be on the patio outside the Sanctuary.

ALL YOUTH 7-12TH GRADES ARE INVITED TO GAME NIGHT at the Joas, tomorrow night, 6:30—8pm. There will be a *Minute to Win It* competition. Appetizers & refreshments will be provided. Parents & younger siblings are welcome to attend. For more information, see Pastor Joel.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Join us this Tuesday, as we re-visit the Gospels and see them in a different light through our understanding of the Old Testament’s laying of the foundation for Jesus’ arrival.

HABITAT NEWS This Saturday, we get a chance to work on our new Habitat for Humanity house! As of now, the task will be framing the second floor. Ground floor jobs will be provided for anyone not willing to work on the 2nd floor! We will start work at 6:30, so if you want to carpool we will leave church at 5:45. If you prefer to meet us there, the address is 1937 E. Don Carlos in Tempe. Lunch, any necessary tools, and any necessary training will be provided. Anyone 16 years of age or older is invited to participate. For more information, contact Sandy at 602-439-3594 or dsbasche@juno.com.

FROM SHELLI ROMERO: OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. Tickets are on sale, \$10 per person. Contact Shelli for more information.

THIRD PLACE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP! Do you enjoy the coffee, drinks, and food on Sunday mornings? There is a small group of people who set-up before the 8 AM service: make more coffee or other drinks & tidy the food table between services; and clean-up after the 10 AM service. These people do a wonderful job, and serve with a willing heart; but WE NEED HELP. If you think this Ministry is a benefit, and helps provide welcoming atmosphere for members & visitors, please join us. It is a commitment of only one hour per month. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall on the Vestry Table at our Third Place Ministry sign. Questions or interest? Contact Rose Hartley rhartley@goodmans.com (602-919-0572) or Renee' Taylor renee.chef@gmail.com (623-521-2745).

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY -- We are sharing the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. Meet us between services; 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.

FOOD PANTRY
tuna, chicken. Ramen,
peanut butter, jelly (strawberry or grape),
bath soap' toilet paper

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
small bags of cookies; Rice Krispies treats, granola
bars; Welch's fruit snacks; Pepperidge Farm goldfish
crackers

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	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
	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Mon.	Game Night at the Joas	6:30 PM
Tue.	Faith Through the Arts (L)	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Photo Directory (CH 4 & 5)	11 PM-7:30 PM
Sat.	Habitat Build Day	6:30 AM
	(5:45 AM to carpool from church parking lot)	
	Oktoberfest	5:30 PM
	Photo Directory (CH 4 & 5)	11 PM-6:30 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<i>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	8 AM
	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<i>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Blessing of the Animals	4 PM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM