

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God uses money to illustrate His power.
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house.
Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty” (Mal. 3:10).

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**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 Alexander, Antonia, Radu, Claudia & Livia; Kim & Dan; Sue; Joe; Wade; Haley & Andrew; Michael; the Bishop's Search Committee; Sue; Harriet; Pat; Eloy; Sharyon; Natalie; HT; Debbie; Nini; Francisco; Anita; Zoey; Alex; Abel; Angelo; Jesus & Elias; the Juanillo family; Tori; the Klamka family; John; Robert; Mike; Randal; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira .

~ PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ~
THERE ARE MANY OPENINGS!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE MINISTRY Our Kahodano-Kadinoke Family is expecting the arrival of a Baby Boy due January 13!! I am asking for your help. We need gifts for the baby to be placed in the crib that is set up in the Parish Hall. If you could wrap them, that would be great a big help. Bora plans to nurse the baby, and is interested in cloth diapers. We have a small infant carrier/car seat. The other big item needed is a stroller. They need all the other baby items to welcome their bundle of JOY. We plan to deliver the crib and gifts the week of January 14. Contact Rose Hartley with any questions. rhartley@goodmans.com or 602-919-0572.

ORANGE AIDE PRISON MINISTRY Help us with signing January Birthday cards, between services today. We also have a box in the Parish Hall for your continued donations of cards (Christmas and Birthday) as well as postage stamps.

THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

meets this Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM
to prepare & transport food,
then serve approximately 80 veterans
at the US Vets Center.

We welcome all who are willing to help!

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR NEXT ART EXHIBIT "WOMEN OF THE WORLD" RECEPTION FEATURING THE COLLECTION OF REV. CANON CARMEN GUERRERO — THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 6 PM. Rev. Guerrero will speak about her travels and her experiences collecting art. Refreshments will feature food from many countries. We realize this is a January 5th seems far off, but we don't want you to miss this, event

WE ARE HAVING TRAINING FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY: Next Saturday, January 13, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please let me know if you can come so I will have enough work sheets. Rose Hartley rhartley@goodmans.com.

POWWOW THIS SATURDAY!! 8 AM IN OUR PARKING LOT.

Volunteer to help or
bring a friend & pick up some fresh produce!

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.

THRIFT SHOP INFORMATION Thank you for your excitement and well wishes for the Thrift Shop Ministry. At the moment, we do not have a place to store donations, as we are still in the planning phase. We plan to be open by March and hope that you are able to hold onto the items that you have offered.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Today | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | Soul Food Sunday (CH3) | 9:10 AM |
| | January Birthday Cards for Perryville Women | 9:15 AM |
| | Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) | 9:45 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Youth Sunday | |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |
| OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY | | |
| WE WILL REOPEN AT NOON ON TUESDAY | | |
| Tue. | Faith Through the Arts (L) | 4:30 PM |
| | Tuesday Night Bible Study | 6 PM |
| | Land Use Task Force (CH3) | 7 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 |
| Fri. | Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K) | 10 AM |
| | Women of the World Art Opening (PH) | 6 PM |
| Sat. | POWWOW | 8 AM |
| Sun. | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite 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 |
| | Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |

FOOD PANTRY

gallon zip lock baggies, Spam,
jelly (grape or strawberry),
shampoo, toothbrushes

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
shampoo, bar soap, body lotion, granola bars,
small bags of bags of peanuts