

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

God wants us to ask for material possessions  
and other things we need.

“ . . . ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9).

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or

on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**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 Brian & his family; Timothy; Michael; Dave & Kristie, their unborn baby & their families; Ramona; Sherry; Steve; Paula & her family; Steve & Cheryl; Diana & Jeff; Haley & Andrew; Alexander, Antonia, Radu, Claudia & Livia; Kim & Dan; Sue; Joe; Wade; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randal; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✘ We pray for those who have died, especially Charlyne Smith.

Our altar flowers are given in joyous celebration of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist and the many people who have passed through our doors since our first service on June 25, 1978.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN UNLIMITED** February 17, at 9 AM in Chilton Hall, the Women Unlimited Group will host speaker Carroll Wheat. The topic is "A Christian in Burma". All women are invited to a potluck breakfast as well. Signup at the Vestry Table. Contact Pattie Prosoy for further details.

### 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 parish members willing to help.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Christine Burk has been released from Perryville Women's Prison. She was attending our Episcopal church services at Perryville for about a year and would like to worship with us at St. John the Baptist now. Unfortunately, she does not have transportation. Chris is with her elderly mother in an apartment near 43rd and Glendale Ave. If you are able provide transportation to and from church on Sundays, please contact Kim Crecca [C16873@yahoo.com](mailto:C16873@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**YOUTH GROUP WILDLIFE ZOO TRIP THIS SATURDAY, FEB 3** Each participant should bring \$10 and a signed permission slip. A parishioner's gift covers all other costs. Family and friends are always invited! Register in the Parish Hall today! See Andy, Scott, Jennifer or Casey, or email Pastor Joel [joel@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:joel@stjohnsaz.org).

**BISHOP SEARCH ALL-PARISH SURVEY** Thank you for your continued assistance with our search for the sixth Bishop of Arizona. Our focus groups are ongoing across the diocese and are providing vital information for this process. Knowing that we only have space for so many focus groups we wanted to ensure that every member of the diocese has a chance to present their opinions to the committee. Please use the links below to access the Bishop Search Survey (English or Spanish versions. The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete and will provide valuable information to the Bishop Search Committee. **The deadline for receiving completed surveys is this Wednesday (1/31/18).**

Electronic survey in English:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioAZsurveyEng>

Electronic survey in Spanish:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioAZsurveyEsp>

If you are in need of physical copies of either survey contact the Rev. Ben Garren [ecmtucson@gmail.com](mailto:ecmtucson@gmail.com).

## NEWS FROM OUR REFUGEE MINISTRY

### A BABY BOY HAS BEEN BORN

to the Kahodano-Kadinoke refugee family!  
Ayivugwe Alphonse arrived January 21, 2018  
Weight: 8 lbs.

### NEW REFUGEE FAMILY

We are co-sponsoring a new family — arriving 2/1/18!

Rana Alizada (single mom, age 29), her daughter Jasmine (8 months old), and Rana's sister Shamsia (age 20). Thank you for all the donations we have received for furnishing the apartment. There is a list in the Parish Hall of items still needed.

**INFO FROM DAN BASCHE** Soup kitchen help will be needed twice coming up. Our upcoming visit is next Sunday -- Super Bowl Sunday!!! That means we lose a few of our workers. Sooo, if you can join us next Sunday, it would be great! We get started just after 4 PM. The game is often on at the Soup Kitchen. I would like to give out shoes and socks, as well as the many other things we often give out such as choc. milk. If you plan on serving on February 4, please let me know so I can plan appropriately. Also, a heads-up for April 1 – we serve on Easter for the first time I can remember in our 20 yrs. of serving at the Soup Kitchen. Thanks go out to all of our cheerful, helpful workers. Dan

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>ONE SERVICE at 9 AM</b> <b>Potluck &amp; Annual Meeting after the service</b> Nursery care 8:45 AM Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) 8:45 AM Jazz at Twilight 6 PM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study 6 PM Joyful Noise practice 7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II 6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR) 6 PM
Sat.	POWWOW 8 AM Youth Group Wildlife Zoo Trip
Sun.	Nursery care 7:45–11:15 AM <b>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I 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>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 AM</b> Praise Band Practice 11:30 AM Chris Becker Dining Hall 4:10 PM

### FOOD PANTRY

mac and cheese; cereal; canned tuna;  
pancake mix; syrup

### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Tooth brushes & toothpaste,  
Cheez-its