

## 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

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; \*

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \*

all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**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 Paula & her family; Steve & Cheryl; Diana & Jeff; Haley & Andrew; Alexander, Antonia, Radu, Claudia & Livia; Kim & Dan; Sue; Joe; Wade; Sue; Harriet; Pat; Eloy; Sharyon; Natalie; HT; Debbie; Nini; John; Robert; Mike; Randal; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.
- ✱ We pray for those who died, especially Stephen G. Smith.

Our altar flowers are given by  
Marykay & Ron Nelson  
*Gratitude for the blessings of the St. John Family*

### FOOD PANTRY

gallon zip lock baggies, pancake mix;  
pork and beans; Spaghettios, toothbrushes

### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please  
travel size items: shampoo, bar soap  
granola bars, lunch sized bags of peanuts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FROM DAN BASCHE WE SERVE AT THE SOUP KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY!!!** It would be great to have a larger crew to serve food and give away lots more blankets, jackets, shoes and socks, as well as razors, candy, and other items. If you can join us let me know and bring a gallon or 2 of Choc. milk.

**THE REFUGEE MINISTRY TRAINING MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24 AT 10:30 AM. PLEASE RSVP TO ROSE HARTLEY [rhartley@goodmans.com](mailto:rhartley@goodmans.com).**

**REFUGEE MINISTRY** Our Kahodano-Kadinoke Family is expecting the arrival of a Baby Boy due January 13!! We have a baby crib set-up in the Parish Hall. We need gifts for the baby to be placed in the crib. 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](mailto:rhartley@goodmans.com) or 602-919-0572

**FR. JACKSON HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL TRIBUTE** sponsored by the Just Folks Association of Pebble Creek. The program's theme will be "Honoring A Man Of Peace." It will take place on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Pebble Creek's Tuscany Ballroom, 1622 Clubhouse Drive, Goodyear, AZ. Following the celebration, there will be music, dancing and light refreshments.

**DOK WILL HAVE AN INFORMAL MEETING AT 12-1:30 AT NANCY YOUNG'S HOME.** We'll have time to visit and make plans for 2018. We'll pick some service projects, talk about our meeting format and just get acquainted with our newest members. Even if you can only stop by for a short time, that is fine. I'll send out my address and additional info by email.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE WOMEN UNLIMITED GROUP FOR A POTLUCK BREAKFAST IN CHILTON HALL, JANUARY 20TH AT 9 AM.** We'll visit, eat and plan some activities for the coming year. We'll have coffee and juice. Just bring your favorite breakfast item. Come a little early to get a cup of coffee before we start and bring your ideas. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the vestry table.

**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.

**KEN PHILLIPS' CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2 PM**

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.**

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM STACY MILHOAN

I want to thank my family at St. John's for all the support you have given me during this past year as I have worked with The Apparent Project. With your help, I have been able to go to Haiti twice. You have donated much needed supplies to the preschool and Kindergarten; you have purchased an entire classroom full of desks, a changing table, library books, and fans. You continue to purchase craft items that are regularly on sale in the Parish Hall. Your prayers, encouragement, and support mean more to me than words can ever express!! You are truly angels as you help families in Haiti stay together.

Blessings, Stacy Milhoan

## NOTES FROM FTTA

☺☺☺ January 28, 6PM Pam Morita Trio Jazz night

☺☺☺ Our next exhibit will be Spring: *A Time of New Growth*. This is where you come in. What is needed for this exhibit will be art work, hangable materials, small wall hangings, etc. — things that mean spring and new growth to you. It can be a picture of rain, blooming new flowers, baseball, a new baby, etc. Items can be brought in on the following Sundays: February 18, 25 and March 4. Please put your name, phone number and any pertinent information.

☺☺☺ April 14: Art Auction with John Klems, auctioneer. If you wish to donate art work, please contact Casey Klems, [kklems@cox.net](mailto:kklems@cox.net) or leave your art in the library. This is a really fun evening so mark your calendars.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Healing Litany / 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>Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
	Vestry meeting (CH 3)	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Sat.	Strategic Planning meeting (CH3)	9:30 AM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10 AM
	Ministry Leaders' meeting (PH)	11:30 AM
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OFFICE IS CLOSED MONDAY