

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God uses money to enable us to give to others.

*“Command those who are rich . . . to do good,
to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous
and willing to share” (1 Tim. 6:17-18).*

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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 bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 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. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 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.

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the

temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**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 Dorothy; Wade; Shirong; Bonita; Dave, Kristie & their unborn baby; Samantha; Tommy; Kim & Dan; Sean; Emily; Sue; Jeff; Timothy; Michael; Haley & Andrew; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LENTEN FRIDAY EVENING SERIES — Our Stations of the Cross service begins at 6 PM, followed by a pot luck soup supper and Lenten discussion. This season's topic is *Meeting Jesus on the Margins*. Please join us!

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY We gather this Tuesday at 6 PM, continuing with the Gospel of Mark.

APPARENT PROJECT Stacy Milhoan is going to Haiti on March 14! The school does not have sufficient supplies to get them through the entire school year, so Stacy has placed post-it notes on the window in the Parish Hall -- each note suggests a school supply. If you are able to provide any these items, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for all you do for the children of The Apparent Project!! *Please note that items need to be returned to the church by next Sunday (March 11).*

WOMEN UNLIMITED EVENT Saturday March 17, 8:30 AM We will go to breakfast at Fast Eddies, then to the Japanese Friendship Garden. We will meet at the church at 8:30 to go to Fast Eddies then will car pool to the Gardens at 1125 E. 3rd Ave., Phoenix. General Admission is \$7, Senior Admission is \$6. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. All women are invited.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY WILL MEET THIS SATURDAY, 9AM-2PM IN THE PARISH HALL. Lunch will be provided. This ministry was formed in the fall of 2017 for the purpose of creating a plan for the future of St. John's. We are currently moving through the process. The members look forward to developing draft goals in the coming months, and receiving input from the congregation. Contact Michael Werner if there are any questions or comments. Thank you all for your support.

HABITAT UPDATE This Saturday, all are invited to attend a wonderful dedication ceremony for the Asress house in Tempe. Then on Saturday, March 17 we will have a chance to participate in building a new home for the Shire family next door at 1937 E. Don Carlos Ave. in Tempe. Start time is 7:30, so if you want to carpool we will leave church at 6:45 a.m. Lunch, tools, and training will be provided. The current plan calls for installing drywall, so come learn a new skill and help a family achieve their dream of affordable, safe home ownership! Questions, contact Sandy at dsbasche@juno.com or 602-439-3594.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (SOUL FOOD SUNDAY) We resume meeting next Sunday, March 11, 9:10 AM in Chilton Hall 3. Dan Basche will lead the topic -- *Hearing God's Voice*. Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to join us whenever possible.

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL Our next visit to the soup kitchen is next Tuesday, March 13. We will bring our usual chocolate milk (1 or 2 gallons). It's often harder to get help for Tues. so please let Dan know if you are planning to attend. Also, we will need a team to serve on Easter afternoon. Plan ahead! THANK YOU

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EASTER EGG HUNT IS COMING SOON! We need donations of candy that fits inside small & medium size plastic eggs. **No chocolate or candy that melts!** There are Easter baskets in the Parish Hall for your donation. Thank you!

EASTER SUNDAY LILY DEDICATIONS

The sign up sheet is next to the Altar Flower notebook.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	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
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	FTTA Project (PH)	9:15 AM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
	Friday Night Lenten Series	6 PM
	<i>Meeting Jesus on the Margins</i>	
Sat	Crafters Ministry (CH3)	10 AM
	Strategic Planning Ministry (PH)	10 AM
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	Soul Food Sunday (CH3)	9:10 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

Spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup
grape jelly, brownie mix

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
granola bars, Cheez-its;
snack sized cheese & crackers