

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Christian stewardship is an expression of the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

“ . . . just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness in this grace of giving” (2 Cor. 8:7).

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O
Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know

that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**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 George; Shoney; Haley & Riley; Robin; Anna; Bob; Jim; Azara & Lillie; Phylliss; Rebecca; Joe; Kim & Dan; Jan; Abby; Callam and his family; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given in celebration of
Frank Pastula's 65th birthday,
Dovie Templin's birthday
and
Sherrill Adkins 71st birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:10 AM in Chilton Hall 3. Dan Basche leads the topic -- *Hearing God's Voice*. Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to join us whenever possible.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY We gather this Tuesday at 6 PM to continue our journey through Mark's Gospel.

PLEASE JOIN US BETWEEN SERVICES TODAY TO SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS AND SEND WELL-WISHES TO OUR LADIES OF PERRYVILLE. The ladies are part of the Sunshine Club of the Episcopal Church at Perryville Woman's Prison. Many thanks for your continued donations. — Jessica & Krista Rickerson and Pattie Prosoy

REGISTRATION BEGINS TODAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Camp is June 25—29, 5:30-7:30PM for ages 4-12 yrs. A child friendly meal will be served. The children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. If you have questions, please see Peggy Diaz after each service. You can also call the church or email her peggy@stjohnsaz.org.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP THIS SATURDAY We begin with breakfast at The Place (52nd Ave/Bell Rd.) at 6:30 AM for food, fun, and fellowship, then we swing by church to meet others & carpool to our site on Carefree Highway. In addition to dressing for warm weather, be sure to wear sturdy shoes, jeans to keep you from getting scratched, hat & gloves. We will have water, bags, vests, and pickers if you need one. It's not strenuous, but you'll be walking for a few hours. If you have questions, speak with Dan Basche or Mike Werner. Please join us!

POW-WOW THANK YOU The competition was too great! It seems that folk concerts & rallies around the Valley won out. We only had 172 Supporters compared with 321 last year. Our volunteers didn't forsake us though. We had 38 wonderful helpers including the Boy Scouts and their leaders. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 5 (7AM opening). our last POWWOW of this season. Thank you again — Patty Prosoy

STAMP CHALLENGE With the help of the Daughters of the King, we have signed 540 Mother's Day Cards for our ladies of Perryville and are challenging the congregation to come up with the stamps. We are also asking your help for blank note cards & envelopes (8 for \$1 from the Dollar Store) to turn into birthday cards. With your support we signed and mailed 36 cards for April's Birthdays. Pattie Prosoy

IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

FOOD PANTRY

Ramen, spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Goldfish, snack sized chips
snack sized cheese & crackers

JEWELRY FROM HAITI IS BACK! Stop by Stacy Milhoan's table in the Parish Hall.

FROM MARYKAY NELSON

THE PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you had your photo taken, I have a directory for you. Look for me in the parish hall to pick up your directory. Thank you for all your support in this endeavor.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP Parents, if you are interested in sending your 1st-6th grade child to Children's Camp at our Diocese's Chapel Rock Summer Camp in Prescott, please see Peggy Diaz after today's service for more information (or email her: peggy@stjohnsaz.org). Camperships are available if there is a financial need. ABC camp is also available for 5 yr olds with parent attending. Also, there will be a family camp at Chapel Rock camp July 5-8. Family camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with God! Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information. You can also go to www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm for additional information and to register for both camps.

**WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF RILEY JEAN DIAZ
BORN APRIL 11
GRANDDAUGHTER OF PEGGY & JIMMY DIAZ**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Adult Sunday School (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.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco	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.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Adult Sunday School (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
	Jazz @ Twilight	6 PM