

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 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is

greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Our altar flowers are given by
The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Jackson
in honor of
the ministry of St. John the Baptist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR THRIFT STORE OPENING The St. John's Thrift Store opened successfully on Friday, April 13th. Our first customer was Phyllis O. who moved to Phoenix a year ago from New York. She was quite surprised to see all the good quality merchandise and our great prices. During first weekend, there were many shoppers, including customers outside of our St. John's Family. To keep the sale and excitement going, the Thrift Store will need more donations and volunteers to grow this ministry. Our store hours require two people to be present at all times, so we are asking for help from our fellow parishioners (including the "teens"). Please sign the Volunteer Store Schedule at the ministry table by the Thrift Store Sign in the back of the Fellowship Hall. We also look forward to accepting your donations of clothing and small home décor items during normal store hours: Friday 9-2 and Saturday 9-2. If you would like to volunteer in any way - greet customers, process sales, stock merchandise or just come and keep the store organized, please contact Sherrill Adkins or Mae Sinclair.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES 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.

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.

STAMP CHALLENGE We are asking for your help with blank note cards & stamps to be used in our project of sending birthday cards to the ladies of Perryville. The Dollar Store has packages of 8 blank cards for \$1. Thank you for your support! Pattie Prosoy

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

**GARDEN WORK DAY!
THIS SATURDAY 7 AM
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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.

Family Camp for Families with Children and Youth of All Ages July 5-8 at Chapel Rock Family Camp is an opportunity to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with the God who made you a family. It is challenging in this over-programmed, screen-filled culture to take the time out to be present to the people in our families. Chapel Rock is a place where screens are put away and there is space and time to listen to God and to each other. More information about registration at <http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm>.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care Holy Eucharist Rite I DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5) Adult Sunday School (CH3) Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) Youth Group (CH 6) Holy Eucharist Rite II Praise Band Practice Jazz @ Twilight	7:45–11:15 AM 8 AM 9 AM 9:10 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM 6 PM
Tue.	FTTA meeting (L) Tuesday Night Bible Study Joyful Noise practice	4:30 PM 6 PM 7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM 7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
Sat.	Garden Work Day Veteran's Ministry meeting (Choir Room) Cursillo meeting (PH) Thrift Shop (CH7)	7 AM 9 AM 9 AM 9 AM—2 PM
Sun.	Youth Sunday Nursery care Holy Eucharist Rite I Adult Sunday School (CH3) Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) Holy Eucharist Rite II Praise Band Practice	7:45–11:15 AM 8 AM 9:10 AM 9:45 AM 10 AM 11:30 AM

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