

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The most important act of giving  
is to first give ourselves to the Lord.  
“ . . . they gave themselves first to the Lord” (2 Cor. 8:5)

### FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all

wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**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.**

**OUR SMOKING POLICY HAS BEEN UPDATED TO  
REFLECT THAT SMOKING IS PROHIBITED  
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OUR BUILDINGS.**

✧ As we pray, let us remember Shelley & Eric; Camp Genesis campers, counselors and staff; the Jerome family; the Weaver & West families; Debbie; the Nail family; Mike & Debbie; Brody; Krista; Dan; Martha; Karl; Rosella; Lori; Don; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given  
*In celebration of*  
*our 35th year of marriage* (Adkins)  
and also  
*In thanksgiving for our grandchildren*  
*Cammie, Liam & Kyleigh.* (Conners)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE GARDEN MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR 2 GARDENERS WHOT LOVE BULBS!** Must love to grow Iris, Tulips, Lilies, and all manner of bulbs. Gardeners will sign up in the Fall and run the bulb patch of the garden for 1 year. Training is available. If you love bulbs please talk to Janet Lennon this summer. 623-687-7397

**PLEASE PRAY FOR CAMP GENESIS AT CHAPEL ROCK!** The first camp for children with incarcerated parents will be held July 16-19th. Camp Genesis hopes to provide a warm and welcoming experience for children who are often suffering under the stigma of having a parent in prison and even struggling with the burden that it is somehow their fault that mom or dad were taken away. Through the generosity of so many churches and donors in our Diocese, we were able to provide scholarships for 24 campers this year. St. John the Baptist members donated blankets that we blessed a few weeks ago and other churches have donated backpacks, bibles, and books. Please pray for the campers by name this week and also keep the camp counselors and staff in your prayers. The campers are: Madison, Gianna, Sara, Yasmine, Katarina, Gia, Isabel, Paris, Jaila, Scarlett, Emily, Haleigh, Trinity, Angelic, Tanzanite, Jeremiah, Eliaz, Jonathan, Braidan, Adrian, Richard, Oscar, Johann, and Angelo. If the camp is successful, we hope to offer it on an annual basis.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA'S COUNCIL OF NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES** please pick up a REVISED flyer from our parish hall as some of the information has been changed by the Diocese.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Faith Through the Arts	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

**FOOD PANTRY**  
mac 'n cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce  
Spam, tuna

**BLESSING BAGS**  
Travel size or individually wrapped please  
Rice Krispie treats  
snack sized Cheezits, snack sized Goldfish  
snack size peanuts