

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 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

**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 in memory of
Anne Spicer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC.

If you haven't gotten your tickets, be sure to pick them up today as a ticket is required if you want to go through the food line.

THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

meets this Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM to prepare & transport food, then serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center.

We welcome all parish members willing to help.

THE NURSERY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 9:15AM NEXT SUNDAY due to one service at 9:30 and the Annual Parish Picnic. There will be water games for the children at the picnic, so bring clothes that can get wet!

YOUTH GAME NIGHT — NEXT MONDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 6:30-8PM AT THE JOAS Family and friends are always invited! For more information, please see Pastor Joel.

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. Please talk to Peggy or email her for more information or to go to www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm for additional information and to register for both camps.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS PRESENTS: Exciting news about our next exhibit! We have all heard of Stacy Milhoan's wonderful trips and work with the children of Haiti. Stacy has talked with the teachers there and they will provide us with our next exhibit. These children range in age so each piece will reflect that. Please join us (bring the kids too!) for our opening on May 12, 2018 at 6:00 for the Haitian Children's Art Exhibit. Stacy will have a short presentation on this ongoing project. Some of the art will be available for sale and all proceeds will go to the Apparent organization. ALSO our Spring exhibit was a great success — thank you again for loaning us your treasures. Please pickup artwork next Sunday, May 6.

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.

**WE WELCOME
GRACEN LEE JOA
WHO HAS BEEN SEALED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BAPTISM
AND MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN FOR EVER.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday / Music by Joel Joa	
	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Land Use Task Force (L)	7 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.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
Sat.	POW WOW	7 AM
	Greeters meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—2 PM
	Day of Discernment (Trinity Cathedral)	9 AM
Sun.	ONE SERVICE THIS DAY @ 9:30 AM	
	followed by Annual Parish Picnic	
	Nursery care	9:15 AM thru end of service
	Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	9:30 AM

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
NEXT SUNDAY
ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM
NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGIN AT 9:15 AM
PICNIC FOLLOWS THE SERVICE**

FOOD PANTRY
grape jelly, peanut butter, cookies'
canned vegetables (e.g., green beans, corn)

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
snack packs of Oreos, Reese's Bits, peanuts