

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 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**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 Kim & Dan; Jesse Wilson's family; Karen; Marge & her family; Patsy; Jan; Abby; Callam and his family; Shirong; Haley & Andrew; HT; John; Robert; Mike; Randall; Lori; Hollis & Denise; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by
Marykay & Ron Nelson
Thanksgiving for grandchildren

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 NEXT SUNDAY 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. With your help for January we signed and sent 42 birthday cards. Birthday cards and stamps are always welcome. Many thanks for your continued donations. — Jessica & Krista Rickerson and Pattie Prosyory

ART AUCTION THIS SATURDAY!!! Your \$5 ticket includes Happy Hour from 6—6:30 PM. We are pleased to announce that our very own Scott Sipes will provide music during this interlude. So come, have some spirits, lemonade, water, etc and hors d'oeuvres. Then, the main event with John Klems and his gavel provide the action. Proceeds from this event go towards lighting behind the stained glass windows for evening events and also towards a new project: Stations of the Cross in the garden. We would love to see you for this fun evening. Tickets on sale Sundays at both services until April 8 (or you can buy one at the door). Don't forget to put your name on the back of your ticket for a chance to win the door prize!

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 before and after each service today to pick up your directory. Thank you for all your support in this endeavor.

ST. JOHN'S THRIFT STORE GRAND OPENING IS THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AND 14, 9 AM –2 P.M. We will be open each Friday and Saturday after that. Come see what we have! Bring your family, neighbors and friends. If you'd like to volunteer a day or two to help, please see Sherrill Adkins or Mae Sinclair.

WE HAD AN AWESOME EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY! Approximately 1,200 eggs were eagerly collected by 50 excited children! It was a wonderful success for all! A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy, the volunteers who stuffed the eggs, put out the eggs for the hunt, and helped at the egg hunt! This event for the children was made possible with all your wonderful help!

SAVE THE DATE!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 25—29, 5:30-7:30PM, for ages 4 yrs - 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. Registration will begin in April.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Today | Nursery care | 7:45–11:15 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 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. | FTTA meeting (L) | 4:30 PM |
| | 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 |
| | Vestry meeting (CH 3) | 7:15 PM |
| Thu. | Women's Bible Study (MR) | 6 PM |
| Fri. | Thrift Shop | 9 AM—2 PM |
| Sat. | Strategic Planning Ministry (CH 4 & 5) | 9 AM |
| | Thrift Shop | 9 AM—2 PM |
| | Crafters Ministry (PH) | 10 AM |
| | FTTA Art Auction | 6 PM |
| Sun. | 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 |

FOOD PANTRY

shampoo, ravioli,
peanut butter, grape jelly
toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Goldfish, snack sized chips
snack sized cheese & crackers