

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Love is the foundation of all giving.  
Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

*“For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son . . .” (John 3:16).*

### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 20

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;  
Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.  
They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

### SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his 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 Phylliss; Martha; Karl; Marilyn; Rosella; Lori; Don; Sarah; Kerry Jo; Rebecca & Ben; Alan; Rebecca; Natasha & Ben; Kate; Kyle; Mae; Sherrill; Richard; Pat; Gabriela; Ruthie; Shoney; Robin; Anna; Bob ; Jim; HT; John; Robert; Randall; Lori; Keira .

Our altar flowers are given *In celebration of  
Jim & Janet Benett's anniversary*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** We continue our study of the Gospel of Luke, 6 PM.

**BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS** Today Rev. Jackson will bless blankets to be donated to campers who will attend Camp Genesis. This camp will be held at Chapel Rock July 16-19 and is for the children of incarcerated parents. They are usually struggling with the stigma associated with having a parent in prison, as well as a sense that it is all somehow their fault. The blankets are meant as a way to help the campers realize the warmth of God's love for them and to "wrap" them in His loving arms. This is the first time our Diocese has offered this camp and we are praying that it will be successful enough to continue in future years. Members of our congregation will have an opportunity to tie prayer knots in each blanket and are encouraged to pray for the child receiving the blanket as well as the staff/volunteers involved in this camp, the families of the children and especially their incarcerated parent/s. Many thanks to Pattie Prosory and Janet Lennon for putting this project together.

**BROTHER EMMANUEL RETURNS TO AFRICA** Perhaps you have met Brother Emmanuel Ike, a missionary who serves God and His church primarily in Nigeria and Kenya. We have enjoyed his presence at St. John's these past few weeks as he worships with us during his short time back in the States. Brother Emmanuel returns to Africa July 1 and will be taking donated Bibles, children's clothing and children's shoes (sandals and flipflops) to those in need, especially the widows and orphans he regularly visits. If you would like to help support Brother Emmanuel's ministry, please bring used or new Bibles and used/new clothing/shoes to the services on June 24 -- and be sure to ask him about his ministry! It's amazing what God does through this humble servant!

**SUNSHINE CLUB BIRTHDAY CARD SIGNING** Today, we sign birthday cards for the ladies in Perryville Women's Prison who are celebrating a birthday during the month of July. Many thanks for your continued support with cards and stamps. Blessings, Pattie Prosory

**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 or email her [peggy@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:peggy@stjohnsaz.org).

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS** Announcing summer hours in our Thrift Store, Friday and Saturday 8-12. Remember our special 25% Off Sale every 1st Saturday and 3rd Friday. We have new items daily. We really need volunteers for the days we are open!

**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.

## 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.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	FTTA Meeting & Book Club	4:30 PM
	<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 Noon
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	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	9 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

### FOOD PANTRY

mac and cheese boxes, soup, green beans,  
shampoo & conditioner

### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please  
Cheezits, snack size Gold Fish, fruit chewies