

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

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,
is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the
city of the great King.

God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind
shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your
loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to
the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**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 the Weaver & West families; Debbie; the Nail family; Mike & Debbie; Brody; Krista; Shelley & Eric; Dan; Martha; Karl; Rosella; Lori; Don; Sarah; Rebecca & Ben; Alan; Rebecca; Natasha & Ben; Kyle; Mae; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira .

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA'S COUNCIL OF NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE NATIVE AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY WITH SPECIAL GUEST AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, STEVE DARDEN. Steve is a ceremonial leader, part of the Navajo Human Rights Commission and is well-known in Native circles and wellness programs. This year's Council for Native American Ministry Retreat will be held August 24, 5:00 pm - August 25, 4:00 pm at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. Flyers can be found on the table in our Parish Hall.

Our altar flowers are given
in celebration of Elizabeth Grace's birthday..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSPIRING! BEAUTIFUL! AMAZING! Please join us on Saturday, July 14, 6 PM for the opening of an unusual and deeply moving art exhibit at St. John the Baptist. Art from ladies who are currently incarcerated at Perryville Women's Prison will be on display in the parish hall from July 14t—August 26. Most of the artwork is available for sale, with the proceeds directly benefitting the artist. Guest speakers will be on hand to share their experiences and a video from a recent event at Perryville prison will also be presented. We hope to see you there for an evening of food, fun, and incredible talent! Bring your friends and family for this inspiring evening.

CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL We need your help this Tuesday as we serve food and provide smiles for the folks at the Soup Kitchen. We meet there about 4 PM. Please speak with Dan Basche to let him know you will be there. And don't forget to bring chocolate milk along with your smile!

BRING A SMILE TO SOMEONE FOR HER BIRTHDAY! Sign birthday cards for our ladies at Perryville. Birthday cards and stamps are always welcome. Many thanks for your continued donations.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN'S It's now your turn! We are requesting your input about the future direction of St John's. Please take a few minutes to answer some survey questions. Your opinions about our church are important. If you have access to a computer, type in this link to take you right to the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJBSurvey>. Blank surveys that can be completed by hand are located at the ministry table in the parish hall. Just remember to return your completed surveys to the envelope at the same table you picked them up from before July 30th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4 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
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
	Strategic Planning Ministry (CH3)	9 AM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10 AM
	Event Set-Up (PH)	4:30 PM
	Prison Awareness Art Show	
	Opening Reception (PH)	6 PM
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup, toothbrushes, toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

granola bars, snack sized Oreos,

Rice Krispie treats