

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The most important thing in giving is not the percentage or the amount,
but the reason or motive why we give.

*“Man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7)*

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers

of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**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 Martha; Janet; Nathan & family; Kay, Cristina, Kevin, JeNiene; Shelley & Eric; Kelsey; Michael & his family; Michael; Mike & Debbie; Brody; Colissa; Dan; Don; Shoney; HT; Robert; Lori; Keira

Our altar flowers are given by Colin Smith
In memory of my parents'
79th wedding anniversary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW

SEPTEMBER IS DESIGNATED AS OUR DIOCESAN PRISON AWARENESS MONTH. Several events are scheduled in the West Valley to help raise awareness about the issues facing those affected by incarceration.

- * All Saints' has new artwork on display by the women of Perryville prison. (6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix)
- * St. Peter's hosts a screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary, *Knife Skills* (focusing on re-entry into society upon release), Wed., September 12, 2-4 PM.
- * Arizona is hosting a series of Town Halls on Criminal Justice throughout the state to obtain feedback from concerned citizens about the criminal justice process and what should be done to improve it. The West Valley Town Hall takes place Friday, September 21, from 8:30AM to Noon at the Estrella Conference Center (3000 N. Dysart R., Avondale).
- * Members of our St. John's community have an opportunity to assist recent releasees by responding to a request from Along Side Ministries to provide much needed supplies or volunteer for a literacy program to help teach reading and writing to those who have not had the opportunity to acquire these skills.

Flyers for these events are available on the tables in the Parish Hall. If you would like to become more involved in our prison ministry or even become a pen-pal for someone at the Perryville Women's Prison, please contact Renee DuCharme or Rev. Kim Crecca.

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S THRIFT STORE This week Friday and Saturday, all items will be 25 % off. We are still receiving new items daily. Remember that we will be closed Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 1st. We have some exciting events coming up this Fall. Stop into the Thrift Store on Fridays and Saturdays to keep up. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what's new also. As always we thank you for donating, working and shopping at our Thrift Store. You are responsible for our success!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING
 AN ORDO KALENDAR FOR 2019 (THE LITURGICAL YEAR),
 THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE PARISH HALL. \$3 EACH.**

CRAFTERS MINISTRY WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH

MILITARY VETERANS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRY Be sure to take note of the insert in today's bulletin regarding the Military Veterans Membership Registry. Please leave your completed form in the Parish Hall on the table at the Military Veterans Ministry sign.

SHOE DRIVE FOR PERRYVILLE PRISON You may or may not know what it's like to walk in the shoes of someone who has been incarcerated, but you CAN help them walk out of prison and back into society. Once again the Perryville Women's Prison is running short of shoes to provide to releasees. Please consider donating any new or lightly used women's shoes during September (Diocesan Prison Awareness Month). A bin is waiting in the Parish Hall for your donations. Please note that the shoes must not have a heel higher than 1" and should be tied or rubber banded together to avoid separation. Thank you so much for your generous support of these women in need!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30-11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Mon.	OFFICE CLOSED	
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
Thu.	Compassionate Friends	6 PM
Fri.	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM-12 Noon
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM-12 Noon
	Strategic Planning meeting (CH3)	9 AM
	<i>Crafters Ministry will not meet this month</i>	
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30-11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM

FOOD PANTRY

Spam, tuna, Spaghettios
 Hamburger Helper, cereal

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
 snack sized Oreos, snack sized Cheezits,
 fruit snacks
 travel sized shampoo, travel sized bar soap