

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

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human

things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**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 Shelley Jeff; Frank; Shelley & Eric; Karen; Tommy; Cari & her family; Charlotte & Dwight; Janet; ; Kelsey; Nathan & family; Kay, Cristina, Kevin, JeNiene; Brody; Dan; Don; Shoney; HT; Robert; Lori; Keira.
- ✘ We pray for those who have died, especially Martha Bisaner.

Our altar flowers are given
In joyous celebration of Christ's love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR. CODY BRO WILL BE COMPLETING HIS JOURNEY TO ORDINATION INTO THE HOLY ORDER OF DEACONS BY SERVING A SIX (6) MONTH INTERNSHIP HERE AT ST. JOHN'S. Upon his ordination, he will serve permanently at Christ Church of the Ascension in Paradise Valley. Please welcome and support him in this phase of completing his call to ordained ministry.

MILITARY VETERANS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRY There are forms on the table in the Parish Hall.

SHOE DRIVE FOR PERRYVILLE PRISON 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). Please note that the shoes must not have a heel higher than 1" and should be tied or rubber banded together to avoid separation. There is a bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support of these women in need!

OUR CONTINUED THANKS TO ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION for their support in providing stamps and birthday cards for our Prison Card Ministry. For the month of September we sent 54 birthday cards. October birthday cards will be available to sign between services next Sunday.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS WILL HOST A WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, AT 6:00 FOR OUR NEWEST AND UNUSUAL EXHIBIT "3 DIMENSION ART" BY ARTIST, ELOUISE JONES. This is an old art form that is being brought back into use. Ms Jones studied at

Southwest Jr. College where her interest in art began. Her career in the aviation field led her to North American Aviation where she worked on the first NASA APOLLO (1). She retired from Hughes Air Craft as an F18 Author. So she should have some very interesting stories to share. As our ministry continues, as always, to be self supporting, we are hoping that when you see Steve Spoonamore at the beverage table, you might feel inclined to drop some change in the donations pot! As always, thank you, the congregation, for your generous support.

SEPTEMBER IS DESIGNATED AS OUR DIOCESAN PRISON AWARENESS MONTH. There are many opportunity to participate! ** All Saints' has new artwork on display by the women of Perryville prison. (6300 N Central Ave, Phoenix); ** Arizona is hosting a series of Town Halls on Criminal Justice to obtain feedback about the criminal justice process and what should be done to improve it. This Friday, 8:30AM to Noon; Estrella Conference Center (3000 N. Dysart R., Avondale); **Help 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 are available in the Parish Hall. Want to be involved: contact Renee DuCharme or Rev. Kim Crecca.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	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
Tue.	FTTA meeting (L)	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (MR)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 PM
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Youth Sunday/Music by Joel Joa	
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

FOOD PANTRY

cookies, shampoo, canned soup,
Hamburger Helper, cereal

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
snack sized Oreos, snack sized Goldfish