

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

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 19:7-14

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? *
cleanse 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 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes

you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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 Sunday / Music by Joel Joa	
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Blessing of the Animals	4 PM
Tue.	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
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
Sat.	DOK Training (PH)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	Oktoberfest (PH)	5 PM
Sun.	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
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM

**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 George; Shelli; Dallas; Jazlynn; George; Larry & Leslie; Shelley & Eric; Jeff; Frank; Karen; Tommy; Cari & her family; Charlotte & Dwight; Janet; Kelsey; Nathan & family; Kay, Cristina, Kevin, JeNiene; Brody; Dan; Don; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 P.M.

Bring your furred, feathered, scaled friends
& join us in front of the Church on the patio

THRIFT SHOP NEWS Beginning this week, our Thrift Shop will be open 9 AM until 1 PM, Fridays and Saturdays.

FROM DAN BASCHE: WE GO TO THE CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 7TH. It helps me to plan on what to bring if you let me know if you plan on coming or not. Try to get there as close to 4 p.m. and bring a gallon or 2 of chocolate milk if you can. You can leave any time you need to. Parking is always much better on Sundays. Thank you!

WOMEN UNLIMITED WILL HOST A TEA FOR WOMEN UNLIMITED MEMBERS AND ANY OTHER WOMEN FROM OUR CHURCH WHO WISH TO ATTEND. The tea will be from 3 to 5 PM on Saturday, October 20th at the home of Mary Grace Gannon. Please bring a tea cup and saucer for your tea. If you have questions, please ask one of the hosts who include Mary Grace Gannon, Maryanne Vermillion and Pattie Prosory. A sign-up sheet can be found on the ministries' table.

**DON'T FORGET OUR OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION
THIS SATURDAY, 5 PM**

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup
5 lb bag sugar, pudding packs
shampoo and conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
single packs Cheezits, single packs Goldfish
fruit snacks, travel sized cookies