

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 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the

poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**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 Cari & her family; Charlotte & Dean; Martha; Janet; Nathan & family; Kay, Cristina, Kevin, JeNiene; Shelley & Eric; Kelsey; Brody; Dan; Don; Shoney; HT; Robert; Lori; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by Suzy Mortenson
For my birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DAN BASCHE — SOUP KITCHEN IS THIS TUESDAY AT 4 P.M. We would love to have you join us at the Chris Becker Dining Room to bring some joy and food for our less fortunate. We'd like to have everyone bring a smile and a gallon of chocolate milk. See you there. Thanks.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND WOMEN UNLIMITED'S SEPTEMBER 15TH EVENT AT 9 AM, IN CHILTON HALL – Melanie Townsend LE, LTC, LSO, CCE, CME would like you to join her for a FREE seminar on the body's largest organ—your skin! We will discuss the aging process, skin care ingredients and the modern treatments available to help you look your best. " We need an accurate head account so please sign up at the Vestry table in the parish hall or respond to Ann Townsend (laht3ks@cox.net) or Anne Warren (rocknmimi@cox.net). Come, bring a friend & get some pointers on your skin care. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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!

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

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING
A 2019 ORDO KALENDAR (THE LITURGICAL YEAR),
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE PARISH HALL.
\$3 EACH — PAYABLE WHEN
YOU RECEIVE YOUR CALENDAR..**

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 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
	Vestry meeting (CH 3)	7:15 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 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

FOOD PANTRY
cookies, shampoo, canned soup,
Hamburger Helper, cereal

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