

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Generous giving always results in God's blessing.
*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Cor. 9:10).*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 25:1-9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**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:

✠ those in special need, especially Wally; Kay; Michael; Jay; George; Kim & Dan; Al; Samantha; Charlie Kate & her family; Alfonso; Anthony; Larry & Leslie; Norrin; Bruce & Laurie; Debbie; Kelsey; Brody; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by
The Rev. Bruce Jackson & Barbara Nation Jackson
For the blessings of their marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

THE ORANGE AID PRISON MINISTRY IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF POSTAGE STAMPS FOR OUR UPCOMING BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS CARD MAILING. If you are able to donate a book of stamps or to make a monetary donation so we can purchase the stamps, please see either Maryanne Vermillion or Pattie Prosory. We don't want anyone to be left out. Thank you for your generosity.

THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

meets this Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM to prepare & transport food, then serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center.

We welcome all parish members willing to help.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS A new twist on our usual opening reception — this Saturday, 6 PM – “*TEXTILES BY ERIKA*”. Light refreshments and beverages of choice, both non-alcohol and wine, will be served. Erika's beautiful quilted hangings will be on sale and will make a great Christmas gift (available at time of purchase)! Cash or checks made out to St John the Baptist/memo line “FTTA/Erika are accepted. NOW for the twist: See any member of the FTTA ministry today and get a raffle ticket. Keep the whole thing and when you come to the reception, we will take one half and put it in the hat. The winning ticket will win the prize. You MUST be present to win! Good luck!

FROM DAN BASCHE

*** HELP PLEASE!! There are still tree cards on the Christmas tree in the parish hall for you to choose from. Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift bag so we know who it's for. There are reminder sheets under the tree to help you with timing and what needs to be done. Thank you for your time and heart for loving our Lord's children. I'm happy to answer any questions! Dan Basche.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY This Saturday we will have an opportunity to finish the interior drywall on the Barraza house in Peoria. Start time is 7:30, so we will carpool from the church at 7:00 AM. If you want to meet us at the Barraza house, the address is 9240 W. Mobile Ave., Peoria. All tools and training needed will be provided, as will lunch. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome to join us!

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
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM
	Sunday Night Unplugged (Church)	6 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
Thu.	Women's Bible Study (PH)	3 PM
	Campaign Leaders meeting (CH3)	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
Sat.	Habitat Build Day	7:30 AM
	(carpool meets at church @ 7 AM)	
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
	Strategic Planning Meeting (CH3)	9 AM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	10AM
	FTTA Reception / Erica Warren	6 PM
Sun.	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



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



AFTER EACH SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEET

is in the Altar Flower notebook.

Deadline is Tuesday, December 18.

ALL SUNDAYS in December are in need of dedications — and January also!

(Almost all 2019 Sundays are available!)

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup, boxed mac and cheese, cereal, shampoo, conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

fruit snacks, Cheez-its, travel sized Goldfish, Rice Krispie treats