

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God's universal principle about giving is this:
Give willingly from the heart.

*"You are to receive the offering for me
from each man whose heart prompts him to give" (Exodus 25:2)*

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 132:1-13

Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
"I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
"The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
"A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**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 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
Ron & Marykay Nelson
The blessings of marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORANGE AIDES PRISON MINISTRY IS HOPING TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS WE ARE SIGNING AND PREPARING TO MAIL AS WELL AS DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CARDS. If you can help it would be greatly APPRECIATED. Also if you have any birthday cards or leftover Christmas cards we would be happy to take. We appreciate everyone's generosity.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Saturday, December 8th, 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!

FROM DAN BASCHE

*** Hi! Next Sunday, Sun. Dec. 2 we have our biggest day of the year at the Chris Becker Dining Room. We will need lots of help to serve food and give away MANY things we have been collecting for months. We will be doing all our normal things plus all the winter clothes and blankets and some Christmas things. So join us if you can, tell me, and still bring in cold weather clothes, gloves, knit caps, and blankets. We have enough candy now, wrapped cookies and p-nut butter or cheese crackers are great during the cold weather! I have new schedules and maps available. Thank you again for all of the ways that you help. PS. We'll try to be there about 4 p.m..

*** There are 5 kids and 6 parents with tree cards on the Christmas tree in the parish hall for you to choose from. If they are all gone tomorrow (Monday, November 26), I will ask for more children for us 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.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS A new twist on our usual opening reception — December 8, 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: On Sundays, November 25 and December 2, see any member of the FTTA ministry 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!

IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

TWO ‘FINAL COUNT’ REPORTS

FINAL COUNT FOR OUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OUTREACH PROGRAM WAS 91 SHOE BOXES FILLED WITH MANY BLESSINGS! Thank you to everyone who filled a shoe box. Your box will bring joy to a needy child in another country and they will get the opportunity to learn about Jesus! We look forward to next year when we can hopefully fill a 100 shoe boxes!

FINAL COUNT FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY'S THANKSGIVING DINNERS: Thanks to your generosity, our parish provided 39 families with turkey dinners, for a total of 175 people!!

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<i>DOK Renewal of Vows (both services)</i>	
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	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
	Capital Funds Task Force	6 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	POW WOW	8 AM
	Greening of the Church for Advent	11 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 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
	Sunday Night Unplugged (Church)	6 PM

FOOD PANTRY

Spam; cookies, canned ravioli,
cereal, brownie mix

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

travel sized chips, travel sized pretzels,
travel sized Goldfish, Rice Krispie treats