

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, \*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing \*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*

the assembly of Israel, to praise  
the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, \*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*

I will seek to do you good."

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."



**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 Carol & her family; the Render family; Sarah; Brayden; Abby, Jonah & their family; John; Janet; Ken; Nancy & her family; Dan; Pam; Alexis; Nathan & his family; Jeffery; Caleb & his family; Jean; Marianne; Emily; Cynthia; Charlotte; Kay; Krista; Karen; Larry & Leslie; Keira; Brody; Robert .

✠ We pray for those who have died.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DON'T FORGET WE SERVE AT THE SOUP KITCHEN THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 PM.** We would really appreciate your help on this special day as we give out winter clothes, blankets, etc. Your help is especially important as I have lots of goodies to give away, which I can only do if we have many helping hands. As always, please bring a gallon or 2 of chocolate milk, your smile, and a loving heart. Thanks — Dan Basche

**GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY** This Saturday, at 11:30 a.m. following POWWOW, we will do our annual greening of the Sanctuary and putting up our Christmas tree. Refreshments will be available. Please sign up to help on the sheet in the Parish Hall, so we'll know how many refreshments to have on hand. — Fr. Jackson

**THE PRISON MINISTRY TEAM** Donations of stamps will be greatly appreciated as we share Christmas with those who are incarcerated. Thank you!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO FILLED A SHOE BOX FOR OUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OUTREACH PROGRAM.** We had 86 boxes filled and blessed! These boxes will be a wonderful blessing to the children that receive them. If you still have a box, and were unable to fill it, please bring it back to church and I will hold on to it for next year.

### **OUR 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.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Anyone 16 years of age or older is invited to help paint our current Habitat for Humanity house next Saturday, December 14 . Starting time is 7:30AM so a carpool will leave the church at 7:00. If you would like to meet us there the address is 8486 W. Madison St. in Peoria. Lunch and all needed equipment will be provided! If you have any questions, contact Sandy at (602)439-3594 or [dsbasche.juno.com](http://dsbasche.juno.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!

**\*\*\* CRAFT FAIR AFTER SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY! \*\*\***

**DIOCESAN WINTER FAMILY CAMP** Treat your family to Christmas in the Pines! To end our twelve days of Christmas, let's keep celebrating and ring in Epiphany together in a beautiful place. We will have stories, a campfire, carols, cocoa, crafts, and lots of holiday fun to finish the season. Give yourselves the gift of time together at Chapel Rock.

**OUR WOMEN UNLIMITED GROUP** does meet this month. They will get together January 18 in Chilton Hall 4 & 5 for a potluck breakfast and planning meeting.

**PLEASE JOIN REV. JACKSON AT 6 PM EACH WEEK FOR OUR TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY OF THE EPISTLES OF PAUL.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>Healing Litany &amp; Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Healing Litany &amp; Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:00 PM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Bible Study	4:30 PM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Greening of the Sanctuary	11:30 AM
	POWWOW	8 AM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	9 AM—1 PM
Sun.	<b>CRAFT FAIR AFTER SERVICES</b>	
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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEETS  
ARE IN THE ALTAR FLOWER NOTEBOOK.**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Mac 'n' cheese, Hamburger Helper  
pancake mix and syrup, cookies  
tooth paste / toothbrushes

### **BLESSING BAGS**

Travel size or individually wrapped please  
snack size Goldfish, fruit snacks,  
granola bars, snack size chips