

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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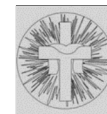
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ



**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 Juli; Fred & Renee; Bob; Sandy & Randy; the family of Dallas Borntreger; the family of Virginia Leita; Marion; Krista; John; Morgan; Buddy; Sophie; Chloe; Matthew; Rob; Nathan; Marium; Larry & Leslie; Josephine; Yamile; Brayden; Jess; Pamela; Anthony; Wally; Kay; Roland; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died.

What does S.T.E.W.A.R.D.S.H.I.P. mean? The first letter in stewardship is “S” which stands for SERVE. Through the 30+ ministries here at St. John’s, you have lots of choices to help you find best group that matches your personal interests or talents. Come help us achieve our mission of being “*the Church that serves and spreads God’s love to everyone*”. As mentioned in Matt 20:28, Jesus was called to serve, not be served.

So, think about it: “Where are you called to SERVE others?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW.

OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meets in the Parish Hall this Thursday at 6:30PM.

LOOKING FOR YOUR POT OF GOLD? CHECK OUT ST. JOHN’S CLOSET! There will be a 25% sale on anything GREEN for a LEPRECHAUN sale through March 14th. Also, crafters will be selling on POWWOW Saturday, March 7th. Stop by on Friday’s & Saturdays from 9-1 and see what’s new. Thanks for your continued support. The St. John’s Closet Crew

THE EPISCOPAL HABITAT COALITION BEGINS BUILDING OUR NEXT HOUSE THIS SATURDAY. Construction begins at 7:30AM; the carpool will leave church at 7AM. We will be putting together the outside walls, so come pound some nails with us! Lunch, tools, and training are all included. For questions or more information, contact Sandy at 602-439-3594 or dsbasche@juno.com.

OUR VETERANS MINISTRY meets in the Parish Hall this Saturday at 9 AM.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

THIS SATURDAY, 5PM IN THE PARISH HALL

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING meet next Sunday, 9AM, in Chilton Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ARE NEXT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 10AM, 12 NOON, AND 6:30PM.

CHAPEL ROCK SUMMER CAMP Summer camp at Chapel Rock is a special and holy time for children and youth to form Christian community with other Episcopalians from around the state and deepen their relationships with Jesus. In addition to Youth and Children’s camps, the fifth annual diocesan Family Camp will be held July 2-5. It is a beautiful experience of fun, prayer, and community for families with kids of all ages. For more information or to register visit <https://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm>.

St. John the Baptist is equipped with two types of hearing assistance devices: a receiver with an earbud or a neck loop (for use with telecoil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants). Either device can be used at any seat in the church. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 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
Mon.	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Bible Study	4:30 PM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Stewardship Committee (PH)	6:30 PM
Fri.	St. John’s Closet	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Episcopal Habitat House Build — carpool	7 AM
	Veterans Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	St. John’s Closet	9 AM—1 PM
	Mardi Gras Celebration (PH)	5 PM
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Youth Sunday	
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 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/Youth Sunday	10 AM

Our altar flowers are given by Glenna & Carrol Wheat
In honor of those serving in our children’s and youth ministries

FOOD PANTRY
shampoo, Hamburger Helper
canned tuna, pancake mix and syrup
grape jelly

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
fruit snacks, Rice Krispie treats
Goldfish