

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death

exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 Julie; Jess; Cynthia; Jeff; Sherry; Wendy; Mae; Anita; Juli; Fred & Renee; Bob; Sandy & Randy; Marion; Krista; John; Morgan; Buddy; Sophie; Chloe; Matthew; Rob; Nathan; Marium; Larry & Leslie; 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 second letter in stewardship is "T" which stands for **Thankful**. We could be thankful during all of our days, in addition to Thanksgiving. We all have obstacles and illnesses in our path, and we know life isn't going to be perfect here. Still, we would be on the right path, if we could be as kind as our dogs and as loving as our cats. You don't have to be a Saint to participate in a ministry at our church. However, being a little "thankful" can help.

There is always something to be thankful for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

Everyone is invited to join our Military Veterans Ministry this Friday, 10 AM at the church to help prepare & transport food to serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM SHELLI ROMEO TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR MARDI GRAS PARTY A SUCCESS!

Derek, Sharon, Marjorie, Suzy, Sidney, Dovie, Sandy, George & Mary Jane, Andrew and Scotty. I couldn't have done it without you!!!! PS ~ Renee won the "Guess How Many Strands of Beads are in the Bowl" contest. There were 32 and her guess was 36. Good job!!

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ARE COLLECTING USED PURSES, BACKPACKS AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS (ESPECIALLY FEMININE) TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS.

Any kind of purses and/or backpacks will work. Feminine hygiene items we need are sample sized bottles of soap, shampoo, lotion, Chapstick, and female monthly products. The items we collect will be put into the purses and handed out with our blessings bags. You can drop the items off at our Thrift Store on Fridays or Saturdays or bring them to Susan Young on Sundays. Thank you!

SHELLI ROMERO IS CONSIDERING PUTTING TOGETHER A TRIP/PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL IN THE FALL OF 2021. She would like to find out if there is interest from our congregation. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. If enough people are interested she will have an Information Night in the near future.

LOOKING FOR YOUR POT OF GOLD? CHECK OUT ST. JOHN'S CLOSET! There is a 25% discount on anything GREEN for a LEPRECHAUN sale through March 14th. Also, crafters will be selling this Saturday (POWWOW Saturday). 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

BISHOP REDDALL HAS DESIGNATED NEXT SUNDAY AS CHAPEL ROCK SUNDAY. On that day, the Bishop is asking each church and congregation members to support the Chapel Rock Campership Fund for the benefit of our children and youth. The experiences that our campers have at Chapel Rock are life changing and extraordinary. Every year, when we read camper evaluations, camper after camper says, "That was the best week of my summer!" It is fun, Christ-centered, and provides the opportunity to grow closer to God through the beauty and power of our Episcopal Church traditions. Help send children and youth to camp this summer! There will be a collection taken to support the

campership fund next Sunday. You can visit Chapel Rock's website to contribute securely online: www.chapelrock.net/donate.htm.

THE PRISON MINISTRY RECEIVED A LETTER ADDRESSED 'ATTENTION BOB AND MARY'. It does not have an initial for the last name so we don't know who to deliver it to. If you know who this is please contact Maryanne Vermillion so we can get the letter delivered to the right person. Thank you!

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.	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
Fri.	St. John's Closet	9 AM—1 PM
	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
Sat.	POWWOW	
	St. John's Closet/Thrift Shop	9 AM—1 PM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	9 AM
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

FOOD PANTRY

canned tuna, pancake mix and syrup
grape jelly, cereal, toothbrushes

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Oreos, Rice Krispie treats
Goldfish