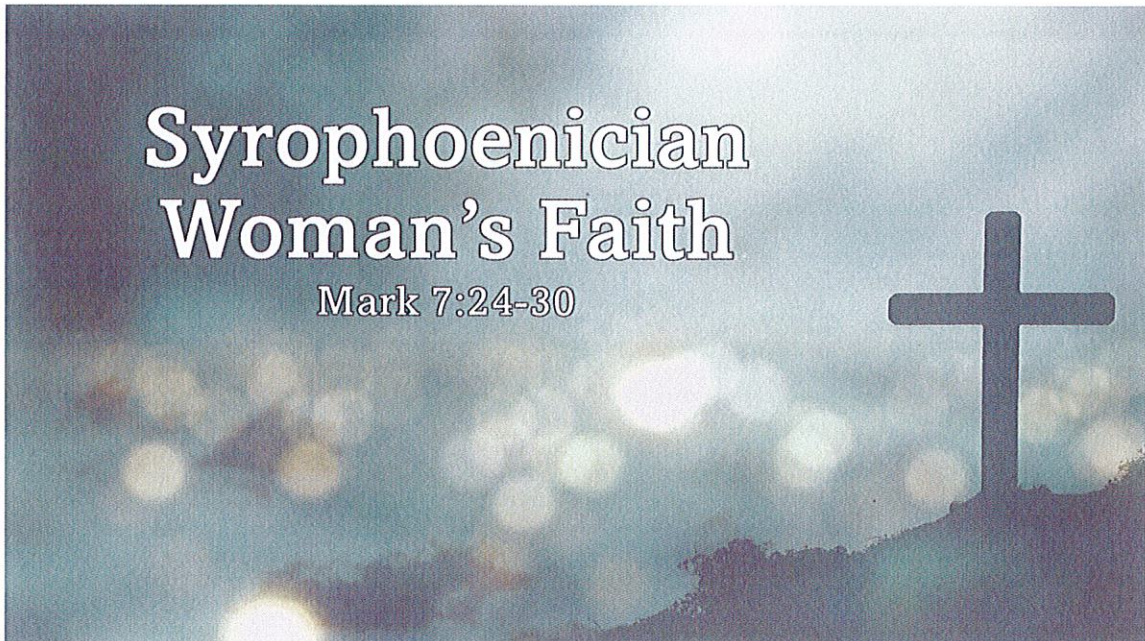


**September 8, 2024**

**The Sixteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost Proper 18**



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**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude		
Announcements		Jim Barnette
Processional	<i>He Is Exalted</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-280
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Isaiah 35: 4-7a	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 146	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	James 2: 1-10, [11-13-, 14-17	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711
Gospel	Mark 7: 24-37	Attached
Sermon		The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form VI		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

**Offertory**

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>People Need the Lord by Nelson &amp; McHugh</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

**The Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Attached
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

**The Invitation & Distribution**

Communion Hymn	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	H-686
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-365
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	H-390, Vs 1, 2, 3
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

# HE IS EXALTED

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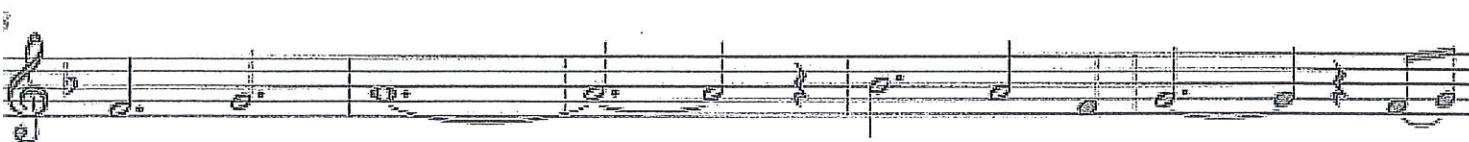
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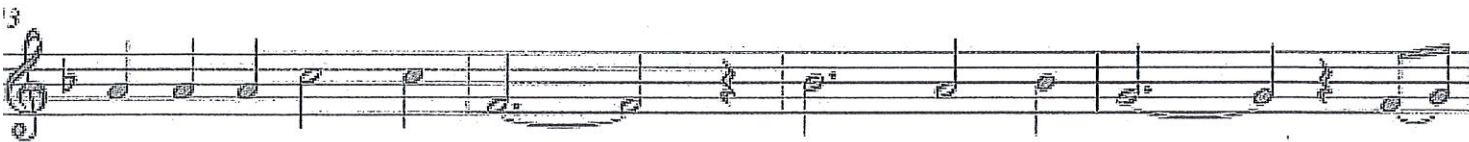
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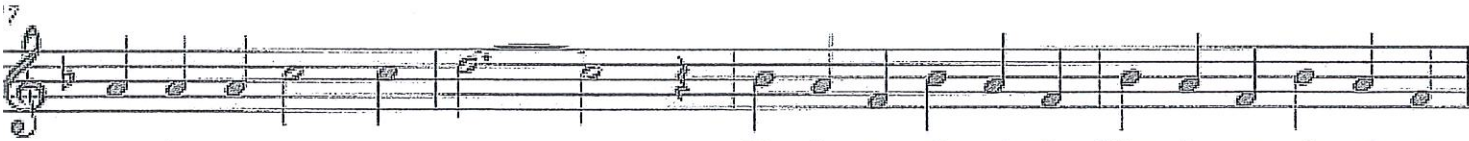
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praise His name! He is the Lord, for



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high!

Sing three times

## Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

### The Psalm Psalm 146

1. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
**for there is no help in them.**
3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**
4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**
5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**
6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**
7. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8. The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
9. The Lord shall reign forever, \*  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **The Epistle**

#### **James 2: 1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### **The Holy Gospel**

#### **Mark 7: 24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee,

in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## Prayers of the People Form VI

Lector: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Lector: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Lector: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Lector: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military serving at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, Tierra, and Kristen.

**People: Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your adding presence wherever they may be.**

Lector: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lector: Hear us, Lord;

**People: For your mercy is great.**

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Lector: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lector: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Lector: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

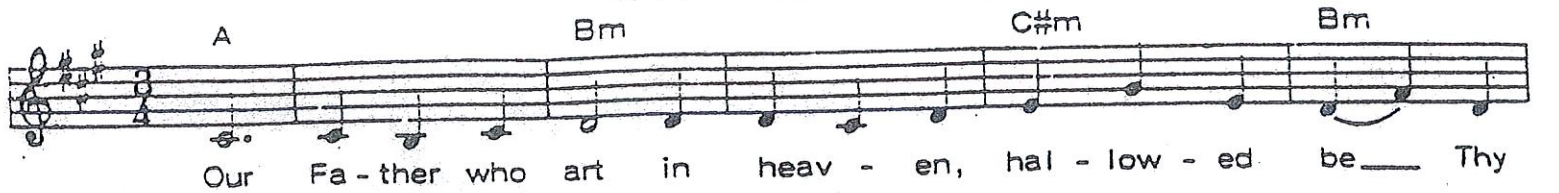
*Silence may be kept*

**Leader and People:**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

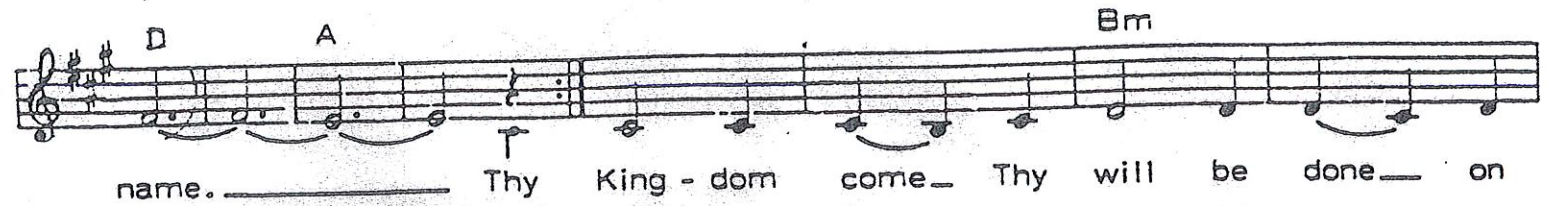
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David Yantis



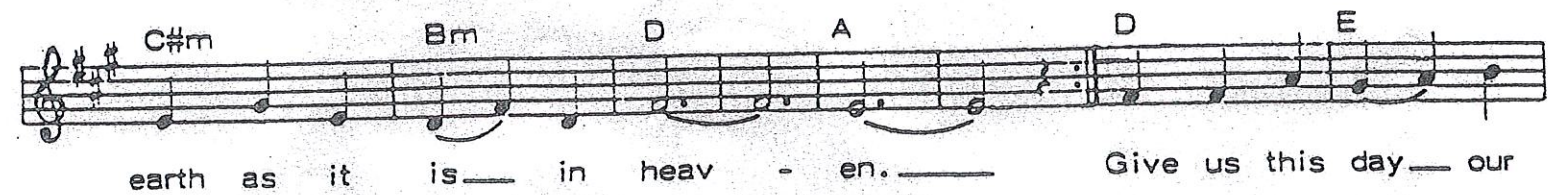
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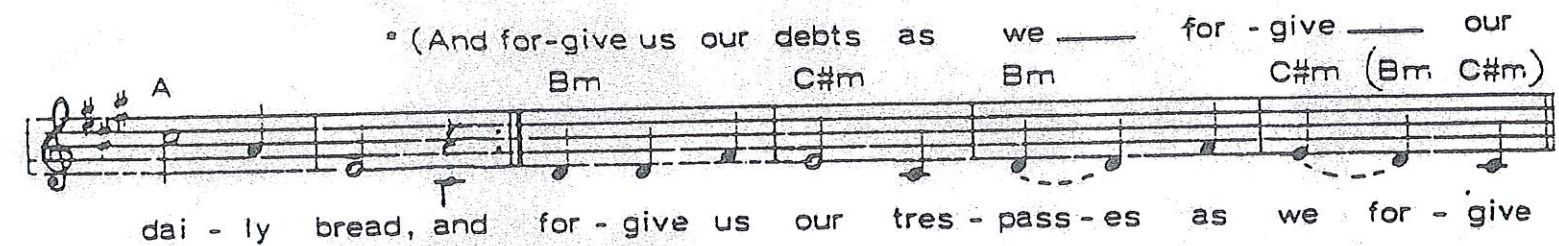
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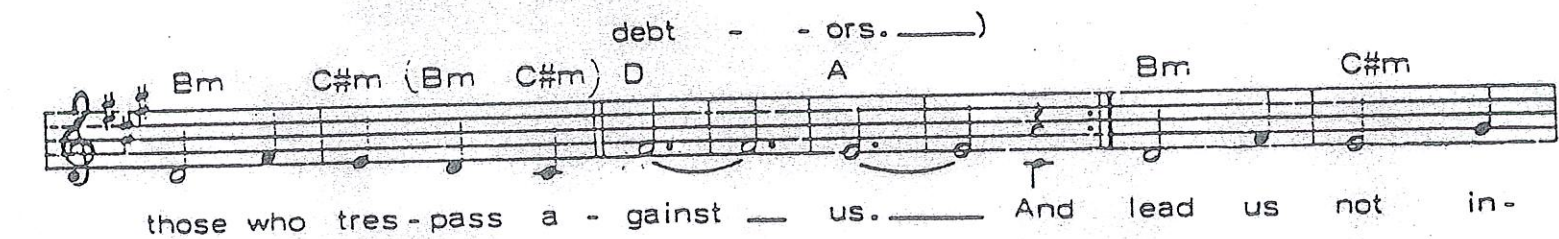
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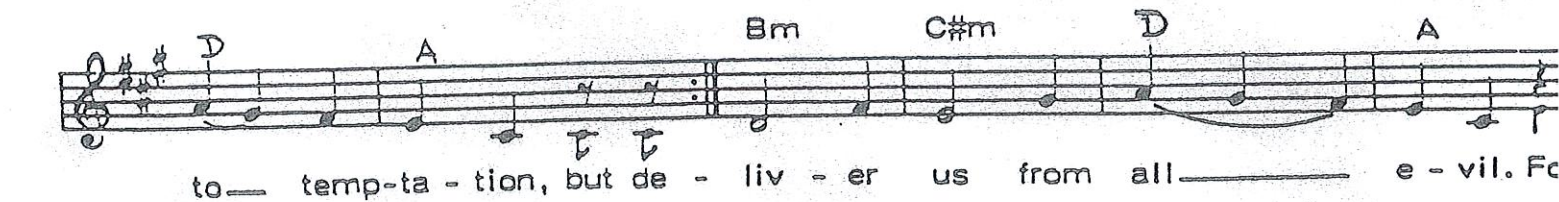
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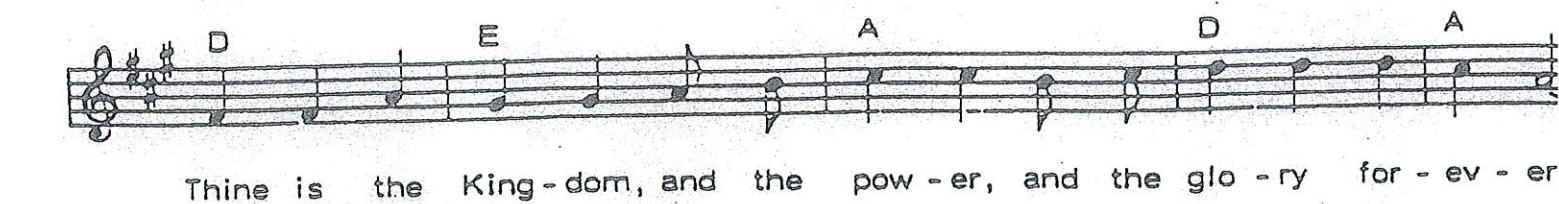
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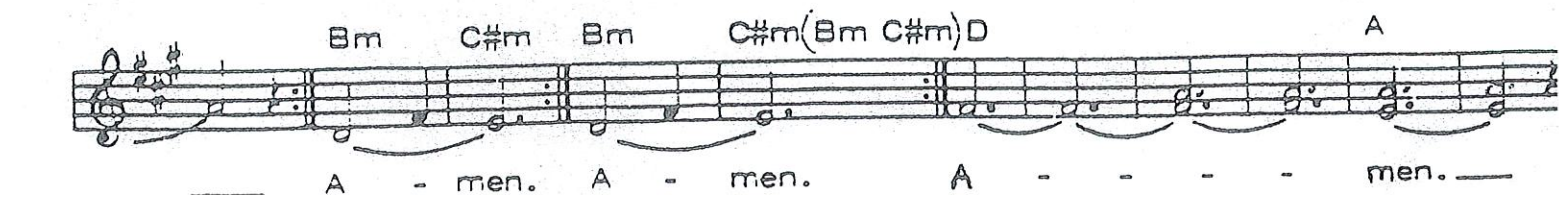
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Bm C#m Bm C#m (Bm C#m) D A

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**St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:**

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP  
The 1982 Hymnal = H  
Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

**Today's Worship Leaders**

Celebrant:	The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
Lectors:	
First Reading and Psalm	Marva Martinez
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Lisa Wolford
Chalice Bearers:	Al Franco & Betty Roddy
Ushers:	Lisa Wolford & Connor Abel
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Vacant, Clerk of the Vestry  
Vacant, Richard Camp  
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*Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex.  
Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.*

**Friendly Reminder: All changes and submissions for the bulletin and/or announcements for Sunday, September 15, needs to be in the office by Wednesday, September 11 at noon to be included. Thank you!**

**Our Vision: One congregation worshipping and serving in two languages**  
**Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.**

**CODE RED IS STILL ON!** The Phoenix Rescue Mission is once again collecting money to purchase water to share with the homeless who find themselves outside in the continued summer heat in Phoenix. There is a blessings container available to leave monetary donations or you can drop a check or cash (in an envelope) in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope or check "Code Red." **Please do not drop off cases of water as St. Christophers then has to deliver them to the Phoenix Rescue Mission.** Thank you.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please consider grabbing one or two of your closest friends and "belly up to the bar" to help serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. Or bring food that can be put in the freezer. You'll make new friends, and we guarantee you will have fun. Talk with Leona Lindvall or Sue Schlichting.  
*This Sunday's coffee hour is being co-hosted by Janice Crane and J.P. Harrison.*  
*We appreciate all your help!*

**Holiday Boutique** **SPARKLE & SHINE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:** We are just 2 months away from our Sparkle & Shine Boutique. For those who are making crafts to sell please let me know what they are. I will need all craft items into the church by **Sunday, October 13.** I will tag them for you but please provide a list of prices for your items. We will have a volunteer sign up list available by September 15th at the church table and also at coffee hour. Those lists will be for 2 hour segments each day. You can sign up for the days and times that will work best for you. Any questions please let me know. I will be available at coffee hour or by phone. Thank you for all your support as we strive to make this event a successful fundraiser for our church. Barb Jackson.

**VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION:** All registered voters in Maricopa County are eligible to participate in the November 5, 2024, General Election. Vote Centers and Drop Boxes will begin opening **28 days prior to Election Day for in-person voting and early ballot drop off.** Days and hours of operation will vary by site. Additional information may be found on the website below (although it does not yet have the list of voting locations which will be coming soon).

<https://elections.maricopa.gov/voting/where-to-vote.html>

For additional information about deadlines, visit [Calendar.Maricopa.Vote](#). To check your registration status and request an early ballot, visit [BeBallotReady.Vote](#).

**FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE! Next week is “Infants and Children” Sunday.** Valley View Food Bank’s list of “most needed items” for infants and children includes infant cereal, fruit cups, juice boxes, crackers, along with diapers and wipes. Please bring what you are able to share. Thank you.  
*~Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed—Mahatma Gandhi*

**NAME BADGES:** Just a reminder that we ask everyone to please wear your name badge as it would be of a great help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

**Valley View Food Donations**

	September 3, 2024	2024 Totals
Weight		1,335.50 lbs.
Cash	\$100.00	\$800.00

**Monthly Thrift Shop Stats**

	September 2, 2024	September Total	2024 Year Total
Bargains	\$344.00	\$344.00	\$16,391.10
Bookstore	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$2,099.50



**Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in September!**

Viviana Geraldine Brambila	August 31	Ann Gay	September 17
Samantha Martinez	September 1	Roberto Pérez	September 17
Sabrina Martinez	September 2	Mary Voss	September 18
Ester Zamora	September 3	Joanne Mola	September 20
Ivón Millán	September 6	Ken Anako	September 21
Jay Dia Rios	September 7	Avian Pérez	September 22
Leslie Aleman	September 9	Connor Abel	September 24
Barbara Kimball	September 10	Aurelio Valles Burciaga	September 25
Gabriel Bustamente Diaz	September 12	Bill Masters	September 27
Isabel Jaramillo	September 13	Melanie Murua	September 28
Rick Voss	September 13		



**Happy Anniversary in September!**

Bonnie and Al Franco

62 years

## This Week's Prayer List

*Prayers Matter ...in ways you may never fully realize! A person is placed on the prayer list for 4 weeks. We are currently editing the list. If there are further needs we invite you to contact the church office and add them to the prayer list again.*

\* Susana Avila \* Viviana Brambila Jan Browning \* Tom Camper \* Clive Chancey \* Claudio \*  
\* Gale & Arthur Farinas \* Isaiah Garcia \* Gary Gustin \* Marilyn Hunter \* Julie Jones \* Lois Jones \*  
\* Ruth Jones \* Judith \* Gene Lapham \* Shawn Mirigian \* Joanne Mola \* Mr. Monata \* Joanne Porter \*  
\* Audrey & Christopher Price \* Ramon \* Blake James Reed \* Rick & Robbie \* Javier Sanchez \*  
\* Socorro Sanchez \* Amy Schultz \* Sebastian \* \* Charles Jay Smith & Family \* Victoria \*

## For those who have died

\* "Bing" \* Charlyn Balabanis \* Killy Balabanis \* Josie Herrera \* Judy Schneider \*

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