

Trust

*There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.
(Luke 4:25-26)*

Sent though he is, Elijah seemingly forgets to help the widow and her tiny son at all. Instead he asks her to get food and drink for himself (First Reading). She says she has “only a handful of flour” at home in her jar, and “a little oil” in her jug. She is collecting wood to cook the very last meal she and her young son will ever eat. After that they will die of starvation and thirst.

Elijah still seems to demand their very last meal for himself. He asks for water; the widow turns on her heel to get her last little trace of water. As she goes, Elijah shouted after her, “Please bring along a bit of bread”! He might just as well have said, “Gimme.”

But God has a trick up his sleeve.

We hear it when Elijah now repeats what God had commissioned:
The God of Israel says, “The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.”

Who knows what our widow made out of these words, which were all she had to rely on.

But rely she did. She bakes her last tiny bit of bread—in front of the wide eyes of her son—and takes every bite of it to Elijah.

Does this story make sense? Not so far. Then what is it saying?

That the widow trusted in God’s goodness even in the face of impending death. She instinctively responded by releasing her own control of things. This is the root meaning of trust. When the chips are down, let go and let God. Even in your last extremity. And so, after all, God had sent Elijah to help the widow not rob her.

In the Gospel another widow illustrates the same kind of generosity, putting the last two pennies she has to her name into the collection box. Jesus sees this act and observes the depth of her faith.

Today in California or Florida or Puerto Rico or Central America or Syria or so many places in need we find people struggling to place their lives in the hands of God—in whatever way they know God— and then working like crazy to survive.

Are they failing in their relation to God? Just the opposite.

For that matter, how much do you and I trust God?

Or do we rely on fear?

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2018

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St. Stephen’s Church

Friday: Adoration followed by benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Confessions 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am;

Anointing for anyone wishing to be anointed

St. Joseph’s Church, Ethete

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

Wednesday & Friday Communion Service at 5:15 PM

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you Welcome!
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The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.

Readings November 12th through November 18th:

Mon: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6
 Tue: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27-29; Lk 17:7-10
 Wed: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19
 Thur: Phlm 7:20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
 Fri: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
 Sat: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
 Sun: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

**Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephen's
 11/18/18**

9:00 Mass

Lector: Penny Robertson
 Extraordinary Ministers: Sister Monica, Linda Bebout & Marilu Duncan

5:00 Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed
 Extraordinary Ministers: Volunteers needed

Parish Collection

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"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7

Happenings:

11/11: Rosary @ 8:20am
 Coffee and donuts after the 9am Mass
 RelEd classes
 11/17: Music practice 3pm

Having Mass offered for an anniversary, marriage, special occasion, gift or in memory of someone is a special gift. Cards are available at the office. Diocesan guideline is \$10.00 for a Mass.

St. Stephen's Religious Ed/Baptism

Please plan to attend three classes if you wish your child to be baptized. Classes for November continue on 11/12 and 11/19.

Bishop Steven will celebrate the 5pm Mass at St. Stephen's on November 28th. There will be a listening session in Eagle Hall after the 5pm Mass along with a carry-in dinner. Please bring a dish to share (we will be having soup and frybread) if you can but definitely join us!

Mark in your calendar

During November, we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. There will be a book at the entrance of the church for parishioners to write the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered at a special Mass on 11/28.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Praise Him now and always!

Mass Intentions/Communion Service & Schedule this week:

11/10:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Bill Fassbender
11/11:	9am St. Stephen's	Orphan Sunday
	11:11am St. Joseph's	Missa Pro Populo
	5pm St. Stephen's	+Angie Baldes
11/13:	7:15am St. Stephen's	Special Intention
11/14:	5:00pm St. Stephen's	Special Intention
	5:15pm St. Joseph's	Communion service
11/15:	7:15am St. Stephen's	Special Intention
11/16:	5:00pm St. Stephen's	+Matt Ouellette
	5:15pm St. Joseph's	Communion Service
11/17:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Mass of reparation*
11/18:	9am St. Stephen's	+George Watts
	11am St. Joseph's	
	5pm St. Stephen's	For The People

*Mass of reparation: Over the next six months (October to March), I am asking every priest in the Diocese to offer a monthly Mass of reparation for the sins of bishops who failed to protect the little ones, for the sins of sexual abuse in the church and society, and for the healing of victims of sexual abuse. Please publish the times of these Masses in the bulletin so that people may participate.



Remember this, my dear brothers: everyone should be *quick to listen* but *slow to human anger*. James 1:19

Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph's

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism after the 11am Mass today.

Congratulations Adam Raphael Willow, Jr.

Baptism Classes

The last Sunday of each month will be Baptism Sunday at St. Joseph's. Three classes are required. Please call Sister Teresa at 332-9090 to schedule classes.

Religious Education Classes

Classes are during the 11am Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmation class begins promptly after the 11am Mass.