With All Your Heart

Most of us are accustomed to a world that ignores Jesus, God, religion, spirituality, fidelity, truth, etc.—in favor of something called "the bottom line." Our culture answers Jesus' question from last Sunday ("What do you want?") with this: "money and success, maybe a large amount of both, and having people look up to me."

We watch TV, we digitize everything, we enslave ourselves to our iPhones, and we render to everybody his or her own belief—which maybe amounts to no belief at all. Just don't "get it on my yard."

Our "values" might be something like this: (1) get enough people to listen, (2) sell a lot of advertising, (3) make a lot of money. And of course we end up sharing their outlook.

Some other cultures have and have had a far different answer to the question—"What do you want?" The readings this Sunday give evidence for a quite dissimilar set of values.

In the First Reading we will find the "bottom line" for the Hebrew religion in which Jesus was raised. It was not a seeking of money and power and riches.

Hear. O Israel!

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!

Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

and with all your soul,

and with all your strength.

Of course not every one followed this call, but, "Hear, O Israel" was a centerpiece of all morning and evening Jewish prayer services. They were doing their best to believe in the only God!

In Deut 6:6ff, the portion that comes just after our Reading, Moses counsels his flock as a mother would her children about the above Reading:

And these words ... shall be in your heart.

And you shall teach them diligently to your children,

and you shall speak of them when you sit at home,

and when you walk along the way,

and when you lie down and when you rise up.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand,

and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house

and on your gates.

It was a basis for life. This speech was considered the most important prayer in Jewish services. It was the most important prayer in Judaism. It indicated vividly how Judaism believed in the one, single God.

What about Jesus? Did he too preach this foundation of Jewish belief?

Yes. Take a look at the Gospel. Jesus quotes the saying of Moses:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.***

When we are close to God, such a love must spill over to other people as well. Could we followers of Jesus utter Moses' and Jesus' words and make them a basis for our own life?
Yes?

God has always loved all people in the world, throughout the entire bible. So, of course, the question is, what do we do with our own lives?

And to whom does it spill over?

John Foley, SJ

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 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

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 5th through November 11th:

Mon: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tue: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32

Wed: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thur: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Fri: Ex 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sat: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9; Lk 16:9-15

Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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

9:00 Mass

Lector: Marilu Duncan

Extraordinary Ministers: Laura Mamot, Tom Kasper, Carol Kellogg

5:00 Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

Extraordinary Ministers: Volunteers needed

Parish Collection

10/21 \$2097.84 10/28 \$2323.81

"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:

11/4: Rosary @ 8:20am

Coffee and donuts after
the 9am Mass
RelEd classes

11/10: 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 11/5, 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. More details to come in next week's bulletin but please put the date on your calendar and join us. Thanks!

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.

Mass Intentions/Communion Service & Schedule this week:

11/3: 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament +Rita Barnes

11/4: 9am St. Stephen's +Father Savio
11am St. Joseph's +Rosalynn Antelope
5pm St. Stephen's +Shane Limpy

11/6: 7:15am St. Stephen's +Father Savio

11/7: 5:00pm St. Stephen's +Father Savio 5:15pm St. Joseph's Communion service

7:15am St. Stephen's Gail Klispie

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11/9: 5:00pm St. Stephen's Jewish brothers and sisters

(80th anniversary of Kristallnacht)

5:15pm St. Joseph's Communion Service

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

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Bishop Steven and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly November 12-15, when they will address critical issues in regard to clergy sexual abuse. A letter with more details from Bishop Steven is available in the parish bulletin.

"Doom to you who legislate evil, who make laws that make victims - laws that make misery for the poor, that rob my destitute people of dignity, exploiting defenseless widows, taking advantage of homeless children." cf: Isaiah 10:1-2

Praised be Jesus Christ.

Praise Him now and always!

Blessed Sacrament & St. Joseph's

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.