

## Food and Drink

Sunday is the last special celebration in the wake of Easter.

Not that we are still in the Easter season—it ended on Pentecost. But still this Sunday is the capstone of all the celebrations since Holy Week. It gives us the last very important matter that still needs to come before us: the sacrament of the Eucharist. Let us review the essence of Christianity as shown in our previous celebrations.

Holy Week: On Holy Thursday we saw Jesus washing the disciples' feet. On Good Friday we watched Jesus as he chose the cross instead of "saving himself." This is the highest example of real, lasting love we know of. It showed us who God is, and showed it in the flesh.

Easter: His life had been lost, but love could not be lost. So love returned him to life. The Sundays after Easter: Jesus explained his sacrifice and his rising and their connection with the Father's love for the world. Thanks be to God he did explain, because it is not the easiest thing to understand.

The Ascension: Jesus went away, back to the Father. He had come forth from the Trinity and now was completing the circle. But also he was making a home there for us. The Trinity works this way: by giving love (Incarnation) and returning love (Cross, Resurrection).

It was wonderful, but what if it were the end of the story? We would have only memories.

Pentecost: No, he is staying with us in the most important way possible. He is sending the inside of his life, the Holy Spirit, into our hearts. Christ's heart would become our own heart and by this we would become his new and continuing body for the life of the world. With spiritual eyes we would see that the Holy Trinity is made of love and that our lives are included in that love.

The Body and Blood of Christ: Some people feel vaguely dissatisfied with the Holy Spirit. They want to touch her/him. And, since we live in a material world, how can some spirit way down deep inside us cope with materiality? Besides, we sin, often, and by doing so we oust the Spirit, or at least hide it. Moreover, even though we have the Spirit, we often forget about Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

So he gives us himself in bodily form.

Jesus gives himself as bread, even as God gave Manna to the Israelites (First Reading) and his precious blood. After the table of the Word, we move to the table of the Eucharist, where he gives his fleshly body and blood to our fleshly body and blood. This sacrament is the way we join in the physical life of Christ. His body becomes one with our bodies in an intimate transformation. This is an exact parallel to the way the Holy Spirit comes together with our spirit. This week's feast of feeding is a bodily sending of us out into the physical/spiritual world to bring Christ to it.

This is the capstone of the mighty season of the Lord's coming among us to feed us, to suffer with us, to die with us, and to bring all life back to its arch-original source, God-love.

John Foley, SJ

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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#### Sacrament of Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick

You may call the office to schedule an appointment for confession. If there is no answer please leave your name and phone number and Father Jim or Father Hugo will return your call. Please do not schedule an appointment if you are sick, please wait until you are well to protect yourself and the priest. Priest and penitent will be required to wear a mask and maintain a safe six foot distance during confession.

The Sacrament of the sick will still be available for those who are terminal and is now available to those who have an upcoming surgery. Please call the office if you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament.

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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 June 15th through June 21st:

Mon: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42  
 Tue: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48  
 Wed: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thur: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15  
 Fri: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16  
 Sat: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34  
 Sun: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

### Parish Collection

Last week mail in collection \$1722

*"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*

Father Jim and Father Hugo are celebrating Mass every weekday so the Mass for the scheduled intentions are still being celebrated. Please feel free to call and leave a message if you have an intention. God bless.

### Mass Intentions this week

6/14:	Sunday	+Jared Gault
	Sunday	For the people
6/15:	Monday	Bill Derrah
6/16:	Tuesday	+Raymond Lovato
6/17:	Wednesday	Martin & David Duncan for their birthdays
6/18:	Thursday	Harold & Salomea McDermott
6/19:	Friday	Karen Brown on the feast day of the Sacred Heart
6/20:	Saturday	Nonna Gentile
6/21:	Sunday	All Fathers
	Sunday	For the people

As we continue moving forward to having Sunday Mass at St. Stephens, we will be limited to 9 people in attendance. If you would like to be added to the rotating list of parishioners for Mass please call the office or email the parish office. On June 7th we moved to having two Masses on Sunday. Please remember Bishop Steven's general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in effect for the duration of Mass attendance restrictions. Mass is available for viewing on K2 Television at 9am and/or you may watch via livestream on St. Margaret's or Holy Rosary's FB pages.

Face masks will be required at Mass, use hand sanitizer, please refrain from exchanging handshakes during the Sign of Peace and maintain at least six feet apart from parishioners (except if you are in the same household) including processing to receive the Eucharist. If you are not feeling well and are scheduled to attend Mass please stay home and call the office so we can switch you with another parishioner until you feel well. Please keep our church family safe.

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

The churches at St. Josephs and St. Stephens are open daily from 8am-7pm for private prayer. No more than 9 people are to be in the church at one time.

Christ Is Risen!

Indeed, He Is Risen!

### Food Distribution Dates/Sites/Times

June 18th, 1201 E. Pershing, Riverton - 12pm-1:30pm

Please pray for the families of the deceased:

+Stephanie C'Bearing  
 +Thelma Dewey

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Oh most holy Heart of Jesus,  
 fountain of every blessing,  
 I adore You, I love You,  
 and with a lively sorrow for my  
 sins, I offer You this poor heart  
 of mine. Make me humble, patient,  
 pure, and wholly obedient to Your will.  
 Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in  
 You and for You. Protect me in the  
 midst of danger; comfort me in my  
 afflictions; give me health of body,  
 assistance in my temporal needs,  
 Your blessing in all that I do, and the  
 grace of a holy death.*

-Amen

