

The Story of Our Lives

No matter what you have heard, it is not so hard to understand the Trinity. Simply think back to the great story we have been celebrating for many weeks.

Let's tell it one more time.

God the Father invited people on earth to a lasting and loving relationship with him and with each other. "I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won't you love me in return?"

Some understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, just to begin the list. But they and the rest of us humans kept choosing things easier to grab, like money and honors—barns full of them.

Our refusal of God's love became widespread. How did God react to such rejection? My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me (from "The Reproaches" on Good Friday)!

God tried a new and quite brilliant way. "Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them totally. As love does, I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see love spelled out."

So God was born as a human called Jesus. He was the heart of God, now made flesh. One with the Father but different as well. And so the world knew about two persons in one God. Jesus told people to love God above all things and their neighbors as themselves.

But many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, living with their own selfishness and greed, as well as their mixed-up motives, co-existing motives with those of others too. Love can get lost in such a world.

It was into this ocean of cruelty and loss that God the Son plunged. He dove all the way to down to death. It was a display of the most profound insides of God's love. To that point the disciples knew only two parts of God, Jesus and his Father (and they were not very sure about these). So before he left, Christ said this to them (paraphrase):

Philip, and the rest of you, if you know me you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. This Comforter will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, which nestles close to our souls if we let it. Only if we let it. The Holy Spirit is graceful and deep and comforting, like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between the Father and Son.

So how can God interact with us in these three very different ways?

By being "plural," that is, by being three "persons." How can three be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love, are so close to one another that they are One God.

Now we understand?

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The Most Holy Trinity

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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 8th through June 14th:

Mon: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1b-8; Mt 5:1-12
 Tue: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wed: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2a, 4-5, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thur: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:20-26
 Fri: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Sat: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2b, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sun: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Parish Collection

Last week mail in collection \$2000

"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

6/7:	Sunday	Intention of the priest
	Sunday	For the people
6/8:	Monday	Intention of the priest
6/9:	Tuesday	Grimm Family
6/10:	Wednesday	Geraldine Brown on her 93rd birthday
6/11:	Thursday	+Richard Wayne Pennimann
6/12:	Friday	+Nancy
6/13:	Saturday	+Edward LaMorte
6/14:	Sunday	Intention of the priest
	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 will move 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.

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 11th, 1201 E. Pershing, Riverton - 12pm-1:30pm
 June 12th, St. Michael's Circle, Ethete - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please pray for the families of the deceased:

+Shado Duran
 +Jordan Wahtomy

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



PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

