

With All Your Heart

Most of us are accustomed to a world that adheres to something called “the bottom line.”

We ambition lots of money and success, maybe a large amount of both, and we want everyone ambitioning to be like us. To ignore values such as God, Jesus, religion, spirituality, fidelity, truth; and Jesus’ question from last Sunday: “what do you want”?

I understand that not every one of us would give such an answer, but many Americans would. For instance, television shows operate according to values such as this: (1) get viewers (2) sell advertising (3) make money.

Ok. But some other cultures have had a far different answer to the question, “What do you want?” Look.

In the First Reading people do not seem to be voraciously seeking 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.

Could this be a basis for contemporary life? It is a centerpiece of all morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It indicates vividly the way in which ancient Judaism believed in a single, unified God. This is considered the most important in all Jewish prayer.

Here are the moving words that Moses says just after the above:

And these words that I command you today 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.

How strong this is. How affectionate. A basis for life.

You do not have to be a fundamentalist to respond. Could you utter all these words and make them a basis for your own life? Much depends on your answer.

Second, what does Jesus add to this foundation of Jewish belief?

Take a look at this week’s Gospel. Jesus quotes the saying of Moses (in slightly different words): “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.” Then he adds, “and you shall love your neighbor as yourself”.

God has always loved all people in the world, as shown throughout the entire bible.

So, if you are close to God, your love must spill over to other people.

The question becomes, what is your life made of, and to whom does it spill over?

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021**

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St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 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

St. Josephs, Ethete

11am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 October 25th through October 31st:

Mon: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
 Tue: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
 Wed: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
 Thur: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Fri: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
 Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sun: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

10/24/21

9:00am Mass

Lector: Marilu Duncan

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

10/31/21

9:00am Mass

Lector: Tom Kasper

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer 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

Catholic Charities of Wyoming (CCW) is seeking an Executive Director. CCW prefers that this person work in Casper but is open to considering a different working location in Wyoming. To learn more about the position and download an application, go to: <https://dioceseofcheyenne.org/job-openings>. Interested persons should submit an application, résumé, and letter of intent to Rev. Carl Gallinger at: cgallinger@dioceseofcheyenne.org.

Praised be Jesus Christ! Praise Him now and always!

Mass Intentions this week

10/23:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Special intention
10/24:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	For the people
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Gabriel Warren
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Geraldine Brown
10/26:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Jonathan Sanchez
10/27:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass
10/28:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	No Mass
10/29:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass today
10/30:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+Jerome Bell
10/31:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Serena Gardner
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Bonnie White
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Cabrielas Family

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Jay Montoya

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

Synod 2021-2023

Over the next five weeks we will prepare to come together as a community to share our thoughts and feelings about the two-part question—*How does this “journeying together,” which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?* Keeping in mind that synod means to “walk together,” this week, recall how the Holy Spirit has [guided the Church’s journey through history and, today, calls us to be witnesses of God’s love](#). As you begin, visualize Jesus, the crowd, and the apostles in Luke 9:10-17. You might consider keeping a journal or discuss these questions as a family or start a small group for sharing.

All Saints Day November 1st –5pm Mass

Cemetery Clean Up 3pm-7pm

St. Stephens

There will be a Mass at 5pm on Monday, November 1st for All Saints Day. AND the Wyoming Catholic College has graciously offered to help us clean our cemetery that day. If you have time, please come and help as we prepare the cemetery to celebrate All Souls Day! Fr. Drew will be providing a BBQ for all who pitch in and help. If you know for sure you will be coming to help please put your family name and how many will be coming in the collection basket so we prepare enough food! Many hands make light work, please join us if you can! God bless!

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Don't forget to contact Sister Teresa regarding Religious Ed. instruction at home!