

## Getting Ready For Getting Ready

Jagged and dark.

These are the kind of images we find in the main readings for Sunday.

“A time unsurpassed in distress”

“Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.”

“The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”

They are called “apocalyptic literature.” Why such horrible imagery, especially now with beautiful Advent just a few weeks away?

One reason is so that we might find within us a need for relief from all the turmoil. In other words, for the coming of the simple Christ child. Recall that in our 21st century we find just the opposite of this: competing ideologies striving to take over.

Look at the advertising world:

Shampooing your hair will make you ecstatic (with a corn-cob-eating grin on your face as you use the product). A car can “save your soul”! Casual sex without commitment is taken for granted. Free cable movie channels practicing the blasphemous use of God’s and Jesus’ name, censoring out only—sometimes—words referring to bodily functions.

Of course, in addition to such dehumanizing media forces, the world is faced with crises every bit as bad as what apocalyptic literature might suggest. The pandemic, to begin with. Economic crises that more than wrecks people’s lives, toxic wastes, holes in the ozone layer, tsunami and hurricanes, major climate changes. You can certainly add more.

Our readings do contain a few grains of hope.

At the end of the First Reading we find a beautiful promise of rescue:

... the wise shall shine brightly

like the splendor of the firmament,

and those who lead the many to justice

shall be like the stars forever.

Such a passage can give us peace ...

... and a problem. Should we be nourished by such lovely words, at a time when the greatest tribulations in human history are staring us in the face?

An awareness of our tribulations is not wrong. It is right. But how can you or I have any effect on the enormity of our situation?

Maybe we should get hyper-active instead, reforming television, recordings, movies, video games, and so on.

No.

Try this:

First, Get smart. Examine carefully what we are able to do and with what effect. We are not helpless, no matter what we feel.

God grant me the serenity

to accept the things I cannot change;

courage to change the things I can;

and wisdom to know the difference.

Second, let our courage rest in divine help.

I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you and bring you back. (Jer 29:11)

That is what Advent will aim towards. Use Sunday to wait for Advent waiting.

John Foley, SJ

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### November 14, 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 November 15th through November 21st:

Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43  
 Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thur: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44  
 Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48  
 Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sun: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1: 5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

11/14/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Linda Bebout

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

11/21/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Penny Robertson

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

11/7

\$1833

*"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 continues to be grateful for the support, love and prayers he has received while he battles cancer. He is doing okay and firmly believes he is doing well because of all the prayers offered on his behalf. Thank you for lifting him up in your prayers and good intentions. Continue to keep him in thought as he has a few more weeks of treatments to go!  
 Ho-hou!

### Mass Intentions this week

11/13:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+Sister Mary Carmel Malloy, OSF
11/14:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Special Intention
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Father John Apel, SJ
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Eric
11/16:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	+MayLynn Fausset
11/17:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	+Amelia & Leo Stream
11/18:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	+John Cunningham
11/19:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass today
11/20:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Father Jim
11/21:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	MayLynn Fausset
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Sally & Rick Williams
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Shaelyn Archambault

Please pray for the families of the deceased:

+Mervin Black

+Bernice Miller

+Cindy Dodge

*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.*

## Synod 2021-2023

Our parish will come together on Sunday November 28 (TIME and PLACE to be announced next week) to pray together and talk about "how well we are walking together as Church." This week, pray with Acts 2:42-47 and examine how responsibility and power are lived in the Church, as well as the structures by which they are managed. Consider any distorted practices that are not rooted in the Gospel. Remember to record your thoughts in a journal.

**Praised be Jesus Christ! Praise Him now and always!**

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 is a book at the entrance of the church to write the names of your beloved deceased members of your family who will be remembered throughout November.

## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Contact Sister Teresa for baptism classes. God bless!