

What Kind of King?

Once there was a king named Arthur. You remember him, the one who thought up the Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.* Long before he became king, in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle, a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and, quick as a wink, Merlin the magician stepped in and then stepped out again . . .

. . . taking the boy with him.

This was not a kidnapping. Merlin was a kindly old magician and his commission was to let the boy grow up as a normal—not a spoiled, pampered or “royal”—person. He was not to be miles above the animals and the people and the tiny, precious specks of beauty in the most surprising places in our lives.

He was to live with us.

So Merlin transported Arthur to a bedraggled castle ruled by a third-rate Lord named Sir Ector. The people were nice enough, and ordinary, and the crannies and nooks of the castle were perfect for a little kid to hide in and the halls for him to run around in. All the servants and even the lords and ladies were his friends.

How could they not be? He was an ordinary lad, though he would be king one day.

They called him Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which was short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in a special way. Magically, he changed the boy into various and sundry animals, each for a time. He turned him into a hawk, for instance—to witness first-hand the world as it appeared in a hawk's eyes.

Or a fish. In fact, especially a fish because Wart could then attend a formal “school of fishes” and learn from their teacher.

It seems that Jesus had a few things in common with the Wart. Jesus was not called “King” or “your highness” as a boy, any more than Wart was referred to as “your majesty.” This one was called “Jesus,”*** a common name in those days. He played outside, helped his dad, rolled in the mud, cut his finger, even helped birds to fly. And his mom was his very most favorite person.

He had a teacher who was even better at teaching than Merlin: the Spirit of God. It helped him through the creeks and cubbyholes of the earth and made him friends with the funny, sweet people who lived all around.

Both Wart and Jesus did grow up to be the kind of king they were meant to be. But they brought new images of a king. Their love was not just for the noble and the mighty but love for everyone. They were lowly. Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone’s life and world.

Pilate would ask Jesus if he were a king. He was, specifically, but not in any way Pilate could have imagined. Smallness was his power. Persuasion was his scepter, along with an amazing ability to teach.

He was Christ the King.

Oh, I almost forgot. I typed a wrong key when I began writing, and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind.”

This is who we will find waiting for us on Sunday.

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Solemnity of Christ The King

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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 22nd through November 28th:

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tue: Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thur: Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
 Fri: Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
 Sun: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

11/21/21

9:00am Mass

Lector: Penny Robertson

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

11/28/21

9:00am Mass

Lector: Tom Kasper

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

11/14 \$1374

"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



During this thanksgiving week Father Jim continues to send his gratitude to all who send meals, messages and offer prayers on his behalf while he fights cancer. Although he might not be up to returning calls or messages be assured he knows you are thinking of him and praying for him and he is thankful. Ho-hou!

Mass Intentions this week

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	+Shaedynn Archambault
11/23:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Shaedynn Archambault
11/24:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	+Zoe Friday
11/25:	Thursday 9am St. Stephens	+Marge St. Clair
11/26:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass today
11/27:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Father Jim
11/28:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Ardie Stenbronn
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	All those addicted
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Paul Lambrecht

Please pray for the families of the deceased:

+Ronald Loneman

+Ardie Steinbronn

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

Next week, Sunday November 28 at 10am in Incarnata Hall, our community will come together to pray and discuss how the Holy Spirit has guided the Church's journey through history and, today, calls us to be witnesses of God's love. In preparation for our gathering, pray with Acts 15:1-12 throughout the week. Remember to gather your thoughts and bring your journal to our first synodal experience as a community.

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.

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
 When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
 And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
 bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
 By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.
 Amen.

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Contact Sister Teresa for baptism classes. God bless!