

## His Delight

As we said last week, "Ordinary Time" has now replaced the "Christmas season." Our previous Sunday climaxed Jesus' birth, early life, and of course, his baptism. Now it is time to begin hearing about his active and public life as God's Word. That work is the content of "Ordinary Time," in spite of the season's mundane name.\* How long will this Ordinary Time continue? Every Sunday from now on, except for interventions by the Lent/Easter season, or any other special celebration of the Lord. There are three different years of Ordinary Time readings, one for each year in the three year cycle, each having a clever name such as A, B, or C. In every one of these years one particular "synoptic" Gospel writer is featured, Mark, Matthew or Luke. We are now in year C, which we began in Advent. Ordinary Time for this year will feature the Gospel according to Luke. The following words will be proclaimed before the Gospel reading each Sunday: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke."

To make things more complicated, however, this year's Second Sunday of Ordinary Time after all does not have a reading from Luke's Gospel. The Church has used instead a reading from the Gospel of John, one about an event which actually took place before Jesus' public life, as Jesus says explicitly ("My hour has not yet come"). One way to look at this anomaly is to say that the present Sunday is a brief transition, meant to console us and raise our expectations concerning the Messiah and the Good News.\*\*\*

Isaiah in the First Reading says that God is going to give his people a new name. They will be called "My delight." Their land will be known by the name, "Espoused." The Lord will marry them and bring forth abundance from their lands. It is a familiar Gospel. We are at a wedding feast in Cana, Galilee. The wine has run out. We witness that Jesus is able to transform water into the very best wine, just as the Father can change a forsaken people into ones that are his delight. It is an image for a people who are fresh out of hope, but who can delight in the promise. Only God in Jesus can supply the refreshment. The Gospel story has more symbolic depth than just a simple story of an amazing miracle would. Mary says modestly to Jesus, "They have no wine" [symbolically, the human race has no real life left in it]. Jesus replies, strangely, "woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." Explicitly, his public life has not yet come. In that life he will preach, heal, suffer, die and rise again, as we will see in the coming weeks. But Mary knew him too well. She did not take seriously all the reasons God's promise could not be fulfilled. She knew that the people needed the full, rich wine of life, which is love. She trusted her son.

She says to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

And, of course, water becomes wine.

On this Sunday we begin to watch Jesus make us into "his delight."

John Foley, SJ

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 16, 2022

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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 January 17th through January 23rd:

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-12; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thur: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
 Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
 Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 14-21

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

1/16/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Jim Cunningham

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

1/23/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Penny Robertson

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

1/9/22

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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*

As we continue to celebrate Mass at St. Stephens, we are limited to 25% occupancy in attendance and face masks are required at Mass, per Wind River Intertribal Council Health Order. Please use hand sanitizer and maintain a safe distance apart from parishioners not in your household. The number of those testing positive have increased dramatically so thanks for doing your part to keep everyone safe!

### Mass Intentions this week

1/15:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	William Grady
1/16:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Steve Gresback
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Jack Nicholas
1/18:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Fara LittleThunder
1/19:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass
1/20:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	No Mass
1/21:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	+Richard Bandy
1/22:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Mary Ellen Hayes
1/23:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	For the people
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Don Petska
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Kenneth Blackburn

Please pray for the families of all the recently deceased. In 2021 our parish buried 74 parishioners.

*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.*

Praised be Jesus Christ!  
 Praise Him now and always!

### WYOMING CATHOLIC RETREAT

A Eucharistic centered retreat. Twenty-one years of offering a deeper relationship with our Lord through the Eucharist. "Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek." (St. John Paul II)

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

February 18-20, 2022

Ages 13-30

Lander Community & Convention Center

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## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

### Synod Listening Session

On January 22nd from 3pm-4:30pm our Blessed Sacrament 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.

Please contact Sister Teresa if you would like to have your child Baptized.