

## Quiet Receivers

A discouraged detective in one of Jonathan Kellermann's mystery novels said "the glass is either half empty or broken" in memory of the famous saying. Jesus appears to be on the detective's side this Sunday.

The beatitudes Jesus proclaims seem for all the world to be "empty or broken"! Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced!

Clearly some consideration of the beatitudes is in order.

For the most part, beatitudes were an ancient formula that encouraged people to do good.

For instance, in our Responsorial Psalm we read, "Blessed is the one who does not take the wicked for his guide, nor walks the road that sinners tread."

Psalm 41 says, "Blessed are those who consider the poor. The Lord will deliver them in time of trouble." Jeremiah 17 has "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ... he is like a tree planted [next to] water that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green."

Beautiful and numerous are the beatitudes in Hebrew scriptures. They say that if you do this or that good thing, you will receive blessings. Thus, people were not surprised that Jesus used them in his teaching.

But he does seem to have reversed them!

Blessed are you if you do the deed of suffering. What do you mean? Am I supposed to seek to be penniless and sorrowful and in pain?

Why would he encourage us to be in such terrible states?

Through history there have been many opinions on this reversal, but your author has his own guess, and here it is. A person has to be open and empty in order to let God and others come in. In order to love and be loved we need to have space at the center of who we are.

Jesus shows us how.

Consider a rich person who "has everything." Isn't she tempted to let her possessions define who she is? "Attack my home and you attack me," she might say. Possessions become an "instead of." Instead of love I choose something more stable (so it looks): cars or households or corporations or just plain power. Instead of eating as much as we need, each North American who goes to a restaurant orders enough for five people! Would you like another order of French fries, the waiter asks after we have already finished a steak the size of a serving plate and a triple order of fries (so it seems).

Be sure that the principle running through all the beatitudes is this: you are blessed if you don't cram yourself full. Full of food, drink, pride, drugs, fame, sex, visits to the beach, stunning hair-do's, flattest abs, shiny teeth, fast cars, every kind of wealth, and of course reputation, reputation, reputation.

Instead, blessed are you if you try to stay empty, if you become a spacious home for God, for other human beings, for the long-suffering earth.

We are built to be quiet receivers, people who know they feel empty and yet are patient.

There is only one reality, only one Being who can give us the bread of life, who can satisfy our deep capacity for love. Don't you want to welcome that being into your soul instead of flying around at fastest pace having fun, fun, fun?

Blessed are you if you let go into his arms.

John Foley, SJ

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 13, 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 February 14th through February 20th:

Mon: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 7-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13  
 Tue: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21  
 Wed: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Mk 8:22-26  
 Thur: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33  
 Fri: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1  
 Sat: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13  
 Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

2/13/22

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Jim Cunningham

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

2/20/22

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Marilu Duncan

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

2/6/22

\$1875

*"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 50% 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!

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

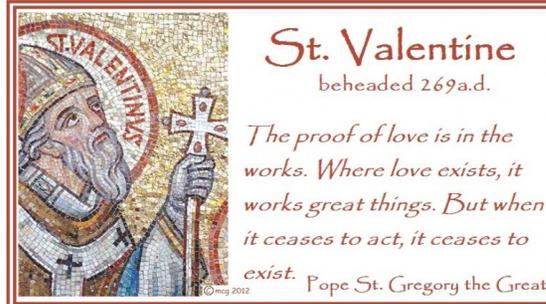
### Mass Intentions this week

2/12:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Kaanan Dowler
2/13:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Pattie Swanson
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Theresa Olander
2/15:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Carol Olander
2/16:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Merrill Taxderup
2/17:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	Sheridan Rosary makers
2/18:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Elma Brown on her birthday
2/19:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	James Cole
2/20:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Kelsey McAuliffe
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Colleen Miller
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people

Please pray for the family of:

+Laureen "Lo" Brown-Case

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



Saint Anthony of Padua  
 Catholic Church Evangelization  
 Retreat March 4-6, 2022

If anyone is interested in  
 attending the retreat please  
 contact Deacon Joe Bush  
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### Seminarian Education Fund annual appeal 2022

The Seminarian Education Fund annual appeal has begun. Many of you should have received a letter and prayer card in the mail this past week. In addition to praying for vocations, offering financial support to our seminarians is another way you can actively promote vocations in the Diocese of Cheyenne, which is among the goals of Vision 2030. Your gift will help to provide for tuition, room and board, and other expenses related to forming our seminarians. Perhaps more importantly, your gift, no matter how large or small, will encourage and sustain our seminarians as they make their journey toward priesthood. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Seminarian Education Fund.

### Synod Listening Sessions

**St. Josephs, February 13th: 12noon**

**Blessed Sacrament, February 19th: 3pm**

Please join us and share your thoughts with your fellow parishioners so they can be forwarded to the Diocese.

## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

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