

Patience

That word haunts me at Easter. Yes, the promise of all ages has now been fulfilled in the Resurrection, and we rejoice.

Even so, we have to wait for our slow selves to understand. We are forced to learn patience.

Remember how Jesus was so unhurried when he learned that Lazarus, his friend, not far away in Bethany, was dying? Jesus delayed four days going there. In other words, he waited “forever” in emotional time. Mary and Martha, those close friends of his, did without him as they buried their brother and grieved. Jesus finally got there and each sister cried out words that tore into him.

You could have saved our brother!

Jesus wept.

Yes.

And then he replied, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

On this day we rejoice because we can sense the truth of this statement. This day it is spread out before us in the Great Celebration of Easter.

We followers of God and his Christ take a long, long time to get beneath the surface of this feast, to put ourselves into the hands of, after all, what is not a money-back guarantee, but a promise. “You will be my people and I will be your God.” It is so tough for us to drink the milk of trust in the same way a child drinks at its mother’s breast. We must decide to entrust still another sluggish part of ourselves to God and to his promise.

Maybe it is the length of the Easter Vigil Service that helps us to take in this fact.

In the full Vigil Service there are ten readings, including the Epistle and the Gospel, together with a candle-lighting-ceremony (“Light of Christ”), and numerous Baptisms.

Patience is the name of the game. It lets us hear, in sequence, how Abba God created us and blessed us, how he called upon Abraham, how he rescued the Hebrew people as they ran from their captors in the desert journey (and ran from God too).

For a “brief moment,” we are told, God loses patience and turns away! But then “with enduring love” takes his people back, offering water to the thirsty and grain to the poor.

Can you trust this? How much?

You will be my people and I will be your God.

Finally the Gospel is proclaimed, announcing an empty tomb! The women in the story believe. The men don’t. At least not right away.

How about you, woman or man, do you believe? Is Jesus risen or is he not? Or is it after all just a child’s fable?

On this Easter weekend, after we have reacted just like the disciples during those seemingly never-ending post-crucifixion days, and even after we sing songs about resurrection, still we do it by faith and trust.

We hear it anew, maybe now more profoundly, with pandemic and Ukraine!

So, we wait, even, with joy!

Halleluiah!

Ultimately we are asked which path we will follow. The skeptical, calculating path of doubters, or the trusting, patient route of those who keep learning to believe—above all and after all—in the tender mercy of God.

Halleluiah!

John Foley, SJ

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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 April 18th through April 24th:

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tue: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thur: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
 Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

4/17/22

9:00am Mass

Lector: Jim Cunningham

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer needed

4/24/22

9:00am Mass

Lector: Linda Bebout

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer needed

Happenings:

4/17: Rosary at 8:20am

4/21: Just Faith tonight

4/24: Rosary @ 8:20am

Parish Collection

4/10/22

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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

Thank you for all the eggs:

Gresbacks, Browns, Coles, Herreras, Hanways,
 Cunninghams and unknown donor!

Mass Intentions this week

4/16:	Saturday 8pm St. Stephens	Geraldine Brown
4/17:	Sunday 9am Blessed Sacrament	For the people
	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Mamie Cunningham
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Thomas Denego
4/19:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Johnny Esquibel
4/20:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass
4/21:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	No Mass
4/22:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Wayne Brown
4/23:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Gil Rau
4/24:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Annie Vincent
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Special Intention
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Richard "Jimmy" Littleshield

Please pray for the family of:

+Richard "Jimmy" Littleshield

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.



Thank you to all those who donated lilies for the altar!

St. Stephens is hosting the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Confirmation is on May 6th at 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to bring cookies, brownies, lemon bars, smore's bars etc...for the reception. If you are able to, please call Patti at the Parish Office and let her know.

Thank you!

Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen!



Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Thank you to all who helped with the EPIC egg hunt, those who brought lilies and those who helped with today's celebration!