

A Love We Can Understand

Glory.

We will hear about it in Sunday's Gospel. God will be glorified and will glorify Jesus. But most of us admit that we do not understand what it means to "give glory" to God or to Jesus.

Let's look.

The word glory has been defined as "very great praise, honor, or distinction bestowed by common consent."

I was at a concert a number of years ago in which the audience gave unrestrained, wild approbation to three performers, all of it deserved. We thundered appreciation and shouted and whistled after every song in a two and a half hour concert. The performers were not much past twenty years old, but they had complete musical mastery. Half way through the concert I noticed that, without intending to, I had been smiling the whole time.

When at last they tried to close the concert, the audience threatened to mob them. One of the performers called out, "everyone deserves this experience! We are going to line up the whole audience and each of you gets to come up here and have everybody go crazy over you!"

Maybe so, but would we deserve it? Members of Nickel Creek (the group I have been speaking about) had written a song that might show the real meaning of glory. It is called "The Hand Song."* Here is the story.

A young boy breaks off some garden roses for his mother. Trouble is, she has been tending these roses with great care, and he has pulled them to pieces. The thorns dig into his hands as he brings his present to her. She lovingly extracts these thorny reminders of her roses, and she knew it was love.

It was one she could understand.

He was showing his love
and that's how he hurt his hands.

Some time later, held close on her lap, the boy listened to stories from the bible. He saw a picture of Jesus and cried out, Momma, he's got some scars just like me.

And he knew it was love.

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Finally grown up, the young man was called by Uncle Sam. His "number" was drawn, and he threw himself in front of a friend to shield him from gunfire. He gave his life, a deed he had learned from the roses and the cross. "And they knew it was love. It was one they could understand. He was showing his love, and that's how he hurt his hands."

Did the boy/man earn "glory" in the usual sense of the word? He learned what love was and he gave it on the battlefield. It is a small story, with no stadiums of people to give applause.

And yet, isn't love the very essence of human life? Jesus says so in this Sunday's Gospel:

I give you a new commandment:
love one another.

As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.

This is a love we can understand. Jesus shows it without reserve on the cross. It hurts his hands. It takes his life. The beauty of the pain and death he undertook for others is filled with quiet glory.

Can we love each other in this way? We may hurt our hands.
But we will be enclosed in his glory.

John Foley, SJ

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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 May 16th through May 22nd:

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tue: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thur: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96L1-3, 19; Jn 15:9-11
 Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sun: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

5/15/22

9:00am Mass

Lector: Penny Robertson

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer needed

5/22/22

9:00am Mass

Lector: Linda Bebout

5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer needed

Happenings:

5/18: Just Faith tonight
 5/22: Rosary @ 8:20am

Parish Collection

5/1

\$1589

"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

Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen!

Father Jim will be leaving June 30th. We would like to have a dinner to thank him for his ministry to the Mission. If you would like to help set a date and plan the appreciation dinner please contact Melissa at 851-2912. Thanks!

Mass Intentions this week

5/14:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Ann Shaw
5/15:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Elaine Yellow Horse, JD
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Special Intention
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Those with addictions
5/17:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Wayne Brown
5/18:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Travis Blackburn
5/19:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Duane Bell, Jr.
5/20:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	+Rosemary Doyle
5/21:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Maria Cabriales
5/22:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Maria Cabriales
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Audrey Underwood
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Katarino Cabriales

Please pray for the families of:

+Audrey Underwood

+Martin Brown, Sr.

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.

Thank you to all who already have responded to the **Living in Giving in Christ** 2022 annual appeal! Gifts to **Living and Giving in Christ** are received in gratitude, responsibly managed, and returned to each giver, as those funds support the infrastructure behind every parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne. By providing critical support to parish leaders and ministries, Chancery Office staff assist parishes to do what they cannot do alone. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's annual appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. You may return your appeal card or in-pew envelope to the parish or the Chancery Office. You also may donate online at: <https://dcwy.org/living-and-giving-in-christ>

"...Mass is not about whom you sit next to. It's not about which priests says Mass. It is not about what you wear or who is there. Mass is not about the music. It's not even about the preaching. It's about gathering as a community to give thanks to God for all the blessings He fills our lives with. It is about receiving the body and blood of Christ, not just physically, but spiritually. Perhaps you have been receiving the Eucharist physically every Sunday for your whole life. Next Sunday, prepare yourself, be conscious of the marvel, the wonder, the mystery, and receive spiritually. Rediscover the wonder."

Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly

Metropolia invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine – Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia (ukrarcheparchy.us)

There are no small or large donations. But your donation can change someone's life for the better. The Lord God will repay the happy donor a hundredfold. Pray for the people of the war victims! May the Lord bless you and our brothers and sisters in Ukraine!

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Baptism Classes

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