

Beloved of God

If we listen carefully to the readings this Sunday, we will hear the whole Christian and Catholic life very gently stated—even (or especially) in this post-covid world, complete with Ukraine and high prices.

In the First Reading Moses describes how simple God's command is. I would like to quote his words because they are beautiful.

God's command is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'

The commandment of the Lord is very near to us, already in our hearts and in our mouths. We have only to carry it out.

But what is that commandment?

In the Gospel, a lawyer is very interested in this question. He asks Jesus to collapse the whole law down to a single saying. Since the answer is, to quote, "not too mysterious and remote," Jesus asks the lawyer what he thinks it is. The man says, by rote:

You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself.

"You have answered correctly," Jesus says. "Do this and you will live." But the man wants specifics. He is digging. He asks, who is my neighbor?

What would be your answer to this question, which seems to be the crux of the matter? Take your time.

For his part, Jesus is trying to get the man (and you?) to find a simple answer without being handed one. As before, Jesus does not respond directly, but this time gives the lawyer a parable to chew on:

A man fell victim to robbers. They beat him terribly, took his money, and left him lying in the road, half-dead. A priest (an Israelite) saw this wounded man on the road and passed right by, averting his eyes. A Levite (an Israelite) did the same thing. Then along came a Samaritan, who theoretically should have been an enemy of the Israelis. But he did not avert his eyes or cross to the other side of the road.*

He approached the victim,

poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

Then he lifted him up on his own animal,

took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins

and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction,

'Take care of him.'

Now the lawyer starts to get it. Jesus asks him, "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" and the lawyer says immediately, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus answers, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus also "does likewise" with you and me. He keeps working with us, trying to get us to see the simple answer that hides inside us. God has given us an open heart. Help those in need. If only you would let your heart receive God's love and pass it on to his other people!

This is not too mysterious or remote. Start now. Become what you were made to be. It is written within the law and within you.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 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

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 July 11th through July 17th:

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21-23; Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tue: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
 Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
 Thur: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
 Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16; Mt 12:1-8
 Sat: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
 Sun: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

7/10/22

9:00am Mass

Tom Kasper

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

7/17/22

9am Mass

Marilu Duncan

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

6/26 \$2365 7/3 \$1675

"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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Praise Him now and always!

Mass Intentions this week

7/9: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	George Smith
7/10: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Irene Millar
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Russ Millar
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people
7/12: Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Norma Higgs
7/13: Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	McMenamy Family
7/14: Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Judy Warren
7/15: Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Roy Brown on his birthday
7/16: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Bill G.
7/17: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Steve Gresback
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Alvena Oldman
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people

Vatican grants indulgences for Day for Grandparents and Elderly

The Holy See announced on Monday a series of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part on the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

In a decree published on Monday, the Apostolic Penitentiary – the Vatican tribunal responsible for issues relating to mercy and the forgiveness of sins in the Church – announced several grants of indulgences for those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year falls on Sunday 24 July.

A plenary indulgence, which may also be obtained in suffrage for the souls in Purgatory, is granted:

- to grandparents, the elderly, and the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on July 24th in the solemn celebration that Pope Francis will preside over in the Vatican, or in the various functions that take place throughout the world;

- to the faithful who, on the same day, devote adequate time to visit, in person or virtually through the media, their disabled brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, or the disabled

- to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of the World Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains and sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media

The grants of indulgence, "from the heavenly treasures of the Church," are made under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic confession, and prayers for the intentions of the Pope.

In the decree announcing the indulgences, the Apostolic Penitentiary also "firmly requests" priests to make themselves available, "with a ready and generous spirit," to hear confessions so that "this opportunity to attain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realised through pastoral charity."

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021, setting its observance for the fourth Sunday in July, the Sunday nearest the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus.

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

If you would like to have your child baptized please talk with Sister Teresa.