

Being Love And Sent

Jesus is now on the road to Jerusalem. Now we hear him sending disciples out to each town that he intends to visit. And he gives his famous instructions about them shaking the dust from their feet (Gospel).

Today we too are sent out to spread news of the kingdom, just like the disciples. Not a duty imposed by guilt or command, but by gratitude for the great goodness of God to each of us and all of us—as liturgical spirituality would say—especially in this time of world and individual troubles.

Last week Jesus was recruiting followers, in tough language (“Let the dead bury their dead!”), and now he is giving army-like instructions as to how the seventy-two disciples are to act when they go journeying to the towns (“Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals”). In light of what we saw during Holy Week, are you and I ready to be recruited to this kind of life? Jesus must have been loved a lot, since he acted with much gratitude and self-surrender on the cross. When a person is cared for, gratefulness is the obvious response.

We are to imitate him. So let us look more closely and find what he was responding to. One answer could be a theoretical one about the Trinity, about Jesus being the Christ, close to the Father. Gratitude surely is at the heart of the Trinity. But on Sunday we will have very earthy images. Take a look at the First Reading. It is a beautiful “welcome home” for people who had been exiled from Jerusalem, who had hung up their harps because their broken hearts could not sing in captivity.

The Lord tells them to suck fully of the milk of [Jerusalem’s] comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! ... As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

These are Godly, mothering images, immediate, compelling. It is the peace given by God’s motherhood. It is the peace that our wild and woolly lives emerge from and can journey back to!

Surely this is what gave Jesus courage on the cross. As a man, he was comforted at the breast of the Holy Spirit. And notice that he would ask that most terrible question, “why have you forsaken me”? His hope-against-hope, his memory of love gave him bravery, even enmeshed in sin and danger and death.

Such fullness is what we also receive or at least remember, one in which we are loved, one which sends us into the world even when we cannot recall the fond love that God had for our wriggling, snotty, childish selves. We can still call to mind what we knew of it in the past, and maybe in our adulthood at this very moment. Real love, once truly given and accepted, you know, cannot be erased. The comfort that fondled us as babies still nestles near the very center of our selves. We need to look for it.

If we do have to search for it, as Jesus seemed to, then we must wait and hope and pray, and not give up. Jesus did not give up, on the cross or on the road to it.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 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 4th through July 10th:

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tue: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thur: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 8-0:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Sat: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sun: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

7/3/22

9:00am Mass
Linda Bebout

5pm Mass
Volunteer Needed

7/10/22

9am Mass
Tom Kasper

5pm Mass
Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

6/26

TBD

"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

7/2: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Nancy Yedinak
7/3: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Northern Arapaho Tribe
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Christine Niedo and family
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people
7/5: Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Sasse Underwood
7/6: Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	+Dan Higgs
7/7: Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	RC Johnson
7/8 Friday 5pm St. Stephens	Sasse Underwood
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

Please pray for the family of:

+Cordelia Yellowplume

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

WCCW 68th State Convention

"Faith, hope, and love remain - greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13
 Sept. 9-11, 2022 - Our Lady of Peace Church - Pinedale, WY
 Keynote speakers:

Danielle Bean - Ascension Press published author (WHISPERS) and "Girlfriends" podcast
Kitty Cleveland - "music missionary" - singer and songwriter - CDs found at Lighthouse Catholic Media
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who attended the farewell lunch for Father Jim. He was very touched by the amount of people who came to express their appreciation for his service here. Thank you! And a very special thanks to Marlene & Brett Morss, you two are rock stars! Thanks to Richard and Bobbie Ortiz and Jim Cunningham for all your help too. Theresa Cunningham and Forrest and Maureen Cole were also great. Thank you to all who helped clean. It all went so well. Thank you!

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

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