

May 9, 2010 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Bless our mothers, O Lord. Let their examples of faith and love shine forth. May we honor our mothers always.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE - Flowers for Mother are available for sale in the back of the church after all masses today. Proceeds will support the Mother and Child Education Center, formerly Birthright.

<u>FIRST COMMUNION</u> - Charlie Bloch, Matthew Kaminski, Samuel O'Leary and Madeleine Limon will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION is transferred from May 13 to next Sunday, May 16.

<u>CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL</u> - Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions. About 45% of dioceses in the United States are classified as home mission dioceses, not able to support basic pastoral needs. These dioceses are often in rural locations, lack a sufficient number of priests to serve the geographically challenging distances, and do not have sufficient funding for religious education, youth ministry, and religious formation. Please be generous.

IN THIS MONTH OF MAY, when we are thinking about our mothers, consider how you can be of support to new moms: the Catholic Charities Moms Helping Moms Program is looking for positive role models to mentor pregnant or newly parenting mothers. With an average of just one hour a week, you can provide friendship, practical experience, emotional support, encouragement, parenting advice or transportation for new moms who may feel isolated or without support. Please contact Patty Anderson, at Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services for more information at 503-238-5196, ext. 225.

THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 27th at Skamania. Registration and all the details are on a form in the church lobby, or you can contact Greg Kaminski for more information at gm.kaminski@verizon.net, or 503-524-3837.

THE SANCTITY OF ALL LIFE -A panel discussion on the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, with focus on death penalty. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, St. Pius X Community Center, 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Featured Panelists are Fr. Craig Boly, SJ; Fr. Timothy Mockatis, and Ron Steiner. See bulletin board.

We find ourselves in virtually the same situation as the people for whom the fourth gospel was intended: faith alone assures us that the Risen One is still present in the world, but present in absence.

We believe that, in returning to the Father, Christ does not cease to act. His death did not put an end to the spread of the gospel. By his death and rising Christ is present in a new way. The Spirit which had come down on him in the Jordan is now poured out upon all believers. We go forth to plant the seed of his word.

The time of presence in absence is therefore the time for us to assume our own responsibility. Without taking hard and fast positions, we accept, in faith and in hope the risk of giving new answers to life's ever-new questions. The Spirit demands that we take this risk.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Acts 15:1-2,22-29/Psalm 67/

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23/John 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Psalm 149/John 15:26-16:4a Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Psalm 138/John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Psalm 148/John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Psalm98/John 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Psalm 113/John 15:9-17 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Psalm 47/John 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/

Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23/Luke 24:46-53



THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church (1623 NW 19th Avenue, Portland) at noon, Friday, May21st.

<u>CATHOLIC CHARITIES</u> If you did not have an opportunity to make a donation to Catholic Charities last weekend, you may drop your offering in this week's collection or send it in directly to Catholic Charities. Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Patty Frahler and Bob Bentley 11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,154.00 SIMPLE SUPPER: \$382.00 Thank you.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Administrator Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested if joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

As the Easter season draws to a close, our readings begin to anticipate the Ascension of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus tells his disciples what the role of the Holy Spirit will be. He will be the "Advocate" -- speaking on their behalf. He will be a teacher; in fact, he will teach them "everything" and remind them of all Jesus said. We need not be afraid, for through the Holy Spirit Jesus keeps his promise to remain with us always.