

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

<u>CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL</u> – Throughout the United States, many dioceses cannot offer their people basic pastoral care or provide priestly formation and lay ministry training without outside help. The millions of Catholics who live in these places, called home mission dioceses, rely on the generous support of parishioners to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous in next Sunday's collection and help strengthen the Church at home.

OREGON PROVINCE JESUIT TO DISCUSS THE NEW POPE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Patrick J. Howell, S.J., professor of pastoral theology at Seattle University and a Seattle Times columnist, will lead a lively discussion highlighting Benedict's landmarks during his tenure as pope, the election of Francis 1 and his time as pope to date, and the future of the Roman Catholic Church. Tuesday, April 23, 2013, from 7 pm. To 8:30 p.m. at the Loyola Jesuit Center, 3215 SE 45th For more information, call 503-221-2313

THE SEMINARY TEA COMMITTEE cordially invites the members of the Archdiocese of Portland and the greater Portland community to the celebration of their 78th Annual Tea on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. It will be held at Portland Golf Club from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The Tea is an annual spring fund raising event which has built a strong tradition over the past 78 years.

The hard working committee members have long recognized the importance of supporting the education of our seminarians at Mount Angel Seminary. Tickets are \$30.00 and will be available at the door on the day of the Tea. For advance tickets you may send a check to Mrs. David Burdick, 2635 SW 73rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97225. Donations are most gratefully accepted. For further information call Mary Willis at 503-223-0584.

JESUIT VOLUNTEER ENCORPS, a program of JVC Northwest for people 50+

JVE is a faith-based volunteer program for people 50 and older. JVE participants engage in part-time, meaningful service with people living on the margins of our society. During their ten months of service, they meet regularly in community, deepen their spirituality, and explore the value of simple living. JVE was created to meet the needs of the growing number of people who are retired or moving into retirement and are searching for meaningful work benefitting society, and personal meaning and fulfillment.

For information, see the poster and brochures in the back of the church, or go to www.jvencorps.org or phone 503-335-8202.

TWO WEEKS TO SIGN UP FOR RETROUVAILLE Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program with a weekend on April 19-21, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Camille Stark, Virginia Bozich and Jeanette Peck

9:00 AM: Barbara and Karl Wetzel 11:00 AM: Jean and Bill Horton

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you

First, there is the church. First, there is the church. FIRST, THERE IS THE CHURCH. This is not a typographical error. It has to be repeated (more times than above) because of a more undamental error in our past and in our present. Christians simply cannot think straight or act right about any type of ministry WITHIN THE CHURCH, unless we first get some very wrong notions out of our heads and hearts and bones and marrow.

Somewhere along the line, we fell into an unbiblical and unchristian trap. And we got the idea hat ministers come first, the clergy come first, , , and only then the church. We got the crazy idea that God makes bishops (including the pope) first, and then the bishops and priests somehow create the church, the community of believers,. We never put it that crudely. But that is about the way many of its think . . . and act.

Now we have to clear the air and begin to understand and feel again what was understood and elt for so long: that God covenants a people, a church, a community of initiated (baptized, confirmed, eucharitized) people. That is the grand and beautiful reality of grace and mission and sign – a people created in covenant worship to witness and to serve. That is what we have to get into our heads and bones and feelings again. Until we do, nothing we say about any ministry will make Christian sense.

Ministries come into existence because this church, this people, has need of servants for specific tasks and with specific talents. The number, type, character of such servants, or ministers, will vary from time to time as the needs of the church may change. But always the great encompassing eality is the church – the community of sisters and brothers – created by God to serve God's world.

(Robert W. Hovda, There Are Different Ministries, The Liturgical Conference, 1975, p.1)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday of Easter. Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Psalm 100/

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/ John 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalms 42 and 43/ John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalm 87/ John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts: 12:24 through 13::5a/ Psalm 67/ John 12:44-50

Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist. 1 Peter 5:5b-14/ Psalm 89/ Mark 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalm 2/ John 14:1-6 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalm 98/ John 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Acts 14:21b-27/ Psalm 145/ Revelation 21:1-5a/

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

OLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,790.25 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., Pastor Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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

REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter focuses on the image of Christ as the Good Shepherd. Even though in our modern world we encounter few actual shepherds, the image of the Good Shepherd still evokes comfort, protection, guidance, and divine care. Sheep wander the pasture all day, and rely on the voice of the shepherd to guide them back to safety for the night. Similarly, God lets us exercise our freedom and meander through life, but if we go astray, we can always rely on the Word of God to guide us back to Jesus Christ.

