



Because I said so.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
January 20, 2013

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

## LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

We invite you to join in prayer with many parishioners throughout the Archdiocese as we enter the holy season of Lent and begin again the journey to Easter. Based on the participation in 2012 in *Living the Eucharist*, we expect there will be between eight and ten thousand Catholics sharing their faith and reflecting on the gift of the Eucharist through this program recommended by Archbishop Vlazny as a process to enrich the faith and worship of our Catholic community. If you are interested in participating, please add your name to the list in the back of the church.

ROE V. WADE 40 YEARS – 1973-2013      55 Million Lost      We Will Remember

### PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE- - STATE RALLY

January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm with walk immediately following the Rally

Keynote Speaker: Carol Tobias, President NRLC

## HOLY WEEK CHOIR SCHEDULE

February 5 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
February 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m. (After Prayer Service/Soup & Bread Supper)
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

YEAR OF FAITH -The Year of Faith began on October 11 of this year and will conclude on the feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. It is Pope Benedict's hope and prayer that Catholics will deepen their knowledge of the faith by reflecting on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism. We are asked to open more widely that door of faith, walk through it and rediscover the beauty and goodness of our relationship with Jesus and his church.

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 96/ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11/ John 2:1-11
Monday:	<u>St. Agnes.</u> Hebrews 5:1-10/ Psalm 110/ Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Hebrews 6:10-20/ Psalm 111/ Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday:	<u>St. Vincent.</u> Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/ Psalm 110/ Mark 3:1-6
Thursday:	<u>St. Francis de Sales.</u> Hebrews 7:25 through 8:6/ Psalm 40/ Mark 3:7-12
Friday:	<u>The Conversion of St. Paul.</u> Acts 22:3-16/ Psalm 117/ Mark 16:15-18
Saturday:	<u>Saints Timothy &amp; Titus.</u> 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5/ Psalm 96/ Mark 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	<u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Psalm 19/ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30/Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

***The choice wine at Cana and the Eucharist.*** Possibly, another subordinate theological motif in the Johannine scene is sacramental; our general cautions about Johannine sacramentality would lead us to insist, however, that if there is Eucharistic symbolism, it is incidental and should not be exaggerated. As for other sacramentalism, in TS 23 (1962), 199-200, we argued against the attempt by some Catholic writers to see in the Cana narrative a reference to Matrimony as a sacrament. To suggest that the wedding feast of Cana is a foreshadowing of the nuptials of the Lamb (Rev xix 9) in the sense that Mary symbolizes the Church as the spouse of Christ is not only to confuse symbolism (Mary and Jesus are not being married at Cana), but also to give major stress to an incidental background. Likewise, we reject the attempt to see baptismal symbolism at Cana. Though the water for Jewish purifications is replaced, it is not replaced by the waters of Christian Baptism but the wine.

The suggestion (Clement of Alexandria, Cyril of Jerusalem, Cyprian) that the "choice wine" of the Cana story may have been intended to remind the readers of the Gospel of Eucharistic wine deserves more serious consideration. Such symbolism would be secondary for the primary meaning of the wine is clearly Jesus' gift of salvation, for which light, water, and food are other Johannine symbols. What are the external and internal criteria used to establish the possibility of this interpretation? Externally, a 2<sup>nd</sup>- or 3<sup>rd</sup>- century fresco in an Alexandrian catacomb joins Cana and the multiplication of the loaves, thus bread and wine; and in John the multiplication of the loaves has undeniable Eucharistic overtones. Irenaeus (Adv. Haer. III 16:7), speaking of Cana, mentions that Mary wanted before time to partake of "the cup of recapitulation"; and this seems to be a reference to the Eucharistic cup. Internally, the Gospel itself does draw a connection between the Cana scene and the hour which is to begin formally at the Last Supper (xiii 1). Also, the dating of the Cana scene (ii 13), of the multiplication of the loaves (vi 4), and of the Last Supper to the period before Passover does seem to bind the three scenes together and to aid in associating the wine of Cana with the bread of the multiplication as a symbolic anticipation of the Eucharistic bread and wine. Others associate Mary's presence at Cana and her presence at the foot of the cross when blood flowed from the side of Christ. The fact that wine is the blood of the grape (Gen xlix 11; Deut xxxii 14; Sir 1 15) has also been invoked. And it is true that "choice wine" in place of the waters for Jewish purification could stand for the true cleansing agent of the Christian dispensation—"the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (1 John i 7). However, many of these internal indications of sacramental intent are at most poetic allusions which do no more than make a Eucharistic interpretation possible.

(Raymond E. Brown, S.S., *The Gospel According to John*, Anchor Bible, vol. 29, Doubleday, 1966, pp 109-110.)

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 AM: Liam and Antoinette Roberts      11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudioll

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$3,918.50 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.

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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

In following Jesus Christ, there is always something better to come. Jesus's first miraculous sign at the wedding feast of Cana communicates the profound hope that underlies the Christian life. The better wine saved for the end of the festivities is a symbol of our anticipation of the joy of eternal salvation. Christ who is risen from the dead reveals to us that the best is yet to come. In Christ, we can always trust in ultimate triumph over our needs, problems, and struggles, as we let Christ surprise us with the bounty of God's grace.

