



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 23, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – Today, throughout the Archdiocese of Portland in Western Oregon, every parish is asking for their parishioners' help to assist the parish-based ministries supported by the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. On behalf of Archbishop Sample, thank you to all who gave last year. You can be assured that the funds you gave helped to provide ministry to those who would not have been touched without your support. When you give to the Appeal, you are providing vital financial support for ministries the parishes would not otherwise be able to afford. Each of us is called to share our gifts. We must first support our parish, and then we are asked to support our local Church, our Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is a very effective way to meet part of this second obligation.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5. Once again we would like to form Small Faith-Sharing Groups, which would meet weekly during Lent to learn more about the Eucharist, pray one of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, strengthen our sense of community, and prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. If you would like to participate in a group or act as a Group Leader, please so indicate by signing the Small Faith Sharing Group sheet in the back of the church.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR LENT/EASTER – Choir practices for Lent/Holy Week/Easter have been moved to Mondays for this season due to some scheduling issues. We will begin choir practice on **Monday, March 3rd** through **Monday of Holy Week, April 14th**. (Additional practices to be determined by need.) We will start promptly at **6:30 p.m. and finish at 8:20 p.m.**

Services are held on the following days/times:

Holy Thursday, April 17th @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 19th – Time to be determined

Easter Sunday, April 20th @ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

(We meet one hour before each service except no practice between masses on Sunday.)

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Liam and Antoinette Roberts 11:00 AM: Marge and Dave Hartmann

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.

Thank you.

The Gospel moves us beyond the ancient law of retaliation. While that law seems harsh to us today, in its own day it marked progress over the growing anarchy of individual revenge. At the time of Jesus, the law of retaliation was not applied in its primitive rigor, even though it was maintained in principle. To this day proportionality of punishment to crime is the foundation of penal law. Although this law of retaliation is regarded as legitimate, Jesus challenges it. In opposition to this regulated revenge which always runs the risk of declining into a vicious circle of violence, Jesus preaches that non-resistance which renounces the perpetuation of evil.

Jesus goes even further. The Old Testament had already required love of neighbor as one's other self. Neighbor meant one's Jewish compatriot; in its widest extension, it meant the stranger abiding in Israel or the adopted and assimilated immigrant. For Jesus, however, even enemies and persecutors become neighbors. To instinctive hatred Jesus opposes love, a concrete love expressed in hospitality to the stranger and prayer for our persecutors.

While some have termed this a utopian or naïve style of life, simple observation teaches that a gesture of peace is often more effective than a discussion of peace. A just society is not built on litigation alone, but also upon individuals freely surrendering their just due for the good of another. Long-suffering is the true power of the non-violent. Our frail efforts for justice pale before Jesus, the perfect model of these essential Christian attitudes.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/ Psalm 103/ 1 Corinthians 3:16-23/ Matthew 5:38-48
Monday:	James 3:13-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 9:14-29
Tuesday:	James 4:1-10/ Psalm 55/ Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday:	James 4:13-17/ Psalm 49/ Mark 9:38-40
Thursday:	James 5:1-6/ Psalm 49/ Mark 9:41-50
Friday:	James 5:9-12/ Psalm 103/ Mark 10:1-12
Saturday:	James 5:13-20/ Psalm 141/ Mark 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	<u>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Isaiah 49:14-15/ Psalm 62/ 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/ Matthew 6:24-34

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST TWO SUNDAYS: \$6,760.00

Thank you for making up for the "Snow Day."



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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

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." For us, these words are synonymous with revenge, but at the time they were uttered, they evoked a new kind of justice, in which the punishment was in proportion to the offense - if you put out someone's eye, you lost your own eye, but not your whole head! But Jesus says something totally new: "Offer no resistance." If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other. Jesus opens up a way out of the cycle of revenge: he reveals the way of nonviolence. His words are as countercultural and difficult to hear today as they were when he first uttered them on the mountaintop so long ago.