



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
June 1, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST, one of the three great celebrations of the Church year.

The Greek word for Pentecost (*Pentekoste*) means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty Days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*), the Fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1-11).

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry taking the Eucharist to patients at OHSU, please contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or frankiemanderson@yahoo.com.

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND RCIA to begin next fall are in the planning stage. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you have children who will be receiving their First Communion or Confirmation, please sign the lists in the back of the Church, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A PYX that you are no longer using, please return it as soon as possible so that it will be available to others for taking Communion to those who are ill or shut-in.

COMING JUNE 22, 2014 – ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE AT SKAMANIA LODGE

Contact Alexandra Hagen at caahagen@yahoo.com to register or for further information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROJECT RACHEL COORDINATOR POSITION.

Project Rachel is an official outreach ministry of the Catholic Church and the American Catholic bishops, bringing help and healing to all affected by abortion. Catholic Charities of Oregon is seeking a Project Rachel Coordinator, working part-time (25 hours/week) to organize the work of Project Rachel throughout Oregon and particularly in the Archdiocese of Portland. Duties include crisis intervention, counseling and referrals for people affected by abortion, educating priests and others about abortion and coordinating three Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekends per year. Candidates must have relevant clinical skills, experience in pro-life ministry and commitment to the pro-life teachings of the Church. Full benefits provided. Compensation commensurate with experience. For more information and to apply visit www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT IN CONCERT

June 25, 2014, 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Catholic Church
400 South Andresen Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98661
1-360-696-4407

Tickets:

Advance Purchase

\$30 Reserved, \$20 General Seating

At the door:

\$35 Reserved, \$25 General Seating

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Ascension of the Lord*. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/
Matthew 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Psalm 68/ John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalm 68/ John 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalm 68/ John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/ John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalm 11/ John 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday*. Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/ John 20:19-23

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Karen Lajoy and Alice Herrell

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Patrick and Theresa Niedmeyer

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,441.00 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., 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

On that last night of his life on earth, Jesus knows that he has completed all the work his Father has given him. His task is not simply over: it is consummated; it is fulfilled. In his prayer, we catch a glimpse of the oneness of Father and Son, profound peace and infinite love. Christ's prayer for us is that we may be drawn into the eternal circle of this divine love. Sometimes we feel very far from that holy place, but today, let us reflect on those times when we knew God's presence—when we glimpsed that endless sea of peace and love.