



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 1, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 7-8, IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR THE 2015 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail please bring it to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church.

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING –There will be several Small Group Faith Sharing opportunities. In the back of the Church you will find sign-up sheets. Please indicate if you would like to participate in a group. There will be more information available soon and you can expect a follow-up call.

ACTION ALERT RE: IRS MAILING. The IRS informed the Archdiocese of Portland that, in an effort to assist individuals potentially affected by tax fraud, it is attempting to issue an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) number to every individual who had a criminal background check processed through the former background check vendor for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and the Archdiocese of Seattle, regardless of when, or for which parish, school or other organization. **The IP-PIN must be included on your 2014 tax return.** The IRS will not process returns that do not include this IP-PIN number in an effort to protect people from having a fraudulent return filed in their name for the 2014 tax year.

Please read important information posted about this IP-PIN mailing on the Archdiocesan website: www.archdpdx.org. Click on Action Alert on the first page. If you have questions, please contact the IRS Identity Protection Special Unit at 1-800-908-4490 or visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center. Please do not contact the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has no information on the issuance of IP-PINS.

URGENT UPDATE RE IRS MAILING – The Archdiocese has learned that the IRS is delayed in issuing IP-PINS. Thus, you may not receive an IP-PIN during this tax season, even though you had a background check performed in connection with service for the Archdiocese, a parish or school. The IRS will continue to issue IP-PINS on a rolling basis. If you have not received an IP-PIN, IRS advises that that the best way to protect yourself is to file your taxes early. IRS apologizes for the delays and the confusion it has caused.

The FAQs posted in the website are being revised accordingly and will be updated on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

If you have questions, please contact the IRS Identity Protection Special Unit at 1-800-908-4490 or visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center. Please do not contact the Archdiocese of your parish or school. Neither the Archdiocese nor your parish or school has any further information on the issuance of IP-PINS.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Maureen and Don Binzer

11:00 AM: Patrick and Theresa Niedermeyer

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,782.75

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN TO DATE: \$1,051.65

The prophet's mission is with power—very impressive power. It is often accompanied by 'signs and wonders.' 'Works of power,' miracles and mystical experience are not things we expect to encounter, and from one point of view it isn't important whether we believe they happen or not. The point is that the difference between magic and miracle—even if the event is exactly the same—is the same as the difference between the fake and the true prophet, and the same goes for mystical phenomena. Never mind 'how' they happen, or even if they do, their truth or falsehood lies in the fact that the 'real' power, the power of the spirit, provokes faith.....

Christ is presented by the evangelists as both prophet and wonder-worker, and in every case he is shown using the power that was in him primarily to convert. He tells those who ask if he is 'the one who is to come': 'The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news preached to them.' These are his credentials, and their common denominator is that all these things provoke the act of self-giving which is faith. But, he adds, 'blessed is he who is not scandalized in me'—does not find me a stumbling block to faith. Because a work which offers the chance of salvation through faith also provides an opportunity for the refusal of salvation—unbelief. The power that works wonders is dangerous as well as wonderful. It is judgment. So Christ the wonder-worker offered these things as evidence of his salvation-bringing mission, but when he realized that people were treating his healings as wonders in the false sense—as mere prodigies—he reacted by telling the healed to keep it quiet. When the Jews asked for a 'sign' as a proof of his mission he refused one: 'Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe,' for works of power are signs only to those who have already 'gone into the desert.' These Jews wanted the power but they didn't like the desert.

(Rosemary Haughton, *The Transformation of Man*, Templegate, 1967, pp. 132-134)

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ Psalm 95/
1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28
- Monday : The Presentation of the Lord. Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/
Luke 2:22-40
- Tuesday: Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr. Hebrews 12:1-4/ Psalm 22/ Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/ Psalm 103/ Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday: Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr. Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/ Psalm 48/ Mark 6:7-13
- Friday: Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs. Hebrews 13:1-8/ Psalm 27/
Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/ Psalm 23/ Mark 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Job 7:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 147/
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mark 1:29-39

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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

Those gathered to hear Jesus are "astonished" by his teaching, but only the demons are "obedient" to him. Jesus is recognized as having great authority by all, but only the evil spirits respond appropriately to that authority. When we hear the Gospel preached to us, do we respond to the Lord's authority with the necessary conversion of heart that it demands? Jesus is only able to give us a new outlook on life when our openness transcends mere listening and moves toward real obedience.