



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 22, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS – On Tuesdays of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 24, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 pm Lenten prayer service. We need a Coordinator for the suppers and volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up if you can help and/or if you will bring soup or bread.



All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – Thank you to all who have pledged or made a gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, you may drop your envelope in the regular collection basket. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal Church here in Western Oregon.

CRS RICE BOWL HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY – Every year, parishioners in our Archdiocese contribute generously to *CRS Rice Bowl*. This generosity not only serves the poor on an international scale, but also serves our neighbors right here in Western Oregon. Seventy-five percent of *CRS Rice Bowl* proceeds help fund development projects designed to increase food security in communities in over 40 countries. Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice bowl proceeds remain here in our community to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs.

SMALL GROUP FAITH-SHARING – Three Small Groups have been formed:

- Tuesdays at 4:30 PM before Soup and Bread Supper
Location: The "Little House" at St. Elizabeth's
- Wednesdays at 2:00 PM
Location: The home of Joe and Marsha Belusko, 3328 SW Barbur Blvd. #1
- Thursdays at 7:00 PM
Location: The home of Joyce Erland, 4932 SW Fairvale Court, Portland

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Joey and Joey Verlanic 11:00 AM: MaryAnn and Kevin Billings

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

The Sundays of Lent in this cycle rehearse the history of God's covenant-making with his people. On this first Sunday we hear of the covenant of God with Noah, the new creation begun after the great destruction of the flood. God will not be defeated by human weakness and failure. Although his children fall, he returns to establish his bond with them.

Jesus comes from the waters of the Jordan to seal once and for all in his blood the covenant of God with this people. In order to build the bridge between humanity and God, he became like us in all things except sin, tempted in every way as we are (Hebrews 4:15). Thus made one with us, he leads us back through the waters of death to new creation in his life. We then are witnesses to the new covenant, "the plan God was pleased to decree in Christ, to bring all things in the heavens and on earth into one under Christ's headship" (Ephesians 1:10).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>First Sunday of Lent.</i> Genesis 9:8-15/ Psalm 25/ 1 Peter 3:18-22/ Mark 1:12-15
Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32
Thursday:	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	<i>Second Sunday of Lent.</i> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Psalm 116/ Romans 8:31b-34/ Mark 9:2-10

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,085.20 Thank you.

THE CALL: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE – Nichlas and Joelle Schaal, along with Resurrection Catholic Parish Music Ministry will be hosting a free concert based on the music of their new CD, *The Call: to know, Love, and Serve*. It will be a wonderful evening of music and prayer, with a special focus on the season of Lent. The concert will be held at Resurrection Catholic Parish, 21060 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062 on March 7, at 7:00 pm. Contact Nichlas or Joelle Schaal for more information at schaalmusic@gmail.com or visit www.schaalmusic.com.



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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

Three inseparable events in the life of Jesus, revealed in part by today's Gospel, are his baptism in the River Jordan, his prayer and temptation in the desert, and the inauguration of his ministry in Galilee. In God's plan, Jesus's ministry cannot begin without his reception of a divine mandate ("You are my beloved Son") and a time of incorporating this mandate into his life (prayer and temptation). Ministry that is about the other and not about ourselves must be rooted in a heart that knows temptations, that knows the sacrifices that are necessary in service, and that trusts wholeheartedly in the God who fashioned us as his own. The Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving give us plenty of opportunity to experience temptation. We must see temptation as part of our call, as part of the preparation that pushes us forward in ministry.