



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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 number has been or will be sent by the IRS via US Mail by early January 2015. **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.archdpx.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 received an IP-PIN, you must use it to file your taxes. If you have not received an IP-PIN, IRS advises 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 Archdiocese's 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 or your parish or school.** Neither the Archdiocese nor your parish or school has any further information on the issuance of IP-PINs.

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.

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING: Lent will begin February 18, Ash Wednesday, when we fast in various ways, find ways to share what we have and try to grow more deeply in the Christian life.

In this spirit we will again offer the *Living the Eucharist* program. There will be Small Faith-Sharing Groups which will meet weekly during Lent to learn more about the Eucharist, pray one of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings using *lectio divina*, strengthen their sense of community, and prepare to renew their baptismal promises at Easter.

Please sign up if you would like to join a group or perhaps lead one. For more information call the parish office or go livingtheeucharist.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN – Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the Internet, television, and radio, and in print media.

By conversion is understood a transformation of the subject and his world. Normally it is a prolonged process though its explicit acknowledgment may be concentrated in a few momentous judgments and decisions. Still it is not just a development or even a series of developments. Rather it is a resultant change of course and direction. It is as if one's eyes were opened and one's former world faded and fell away. There emerges something new that fructifies in inter-locking, cumulative sequences of developments on all levels and in all departments of human living.

Conversion is existential, intensely personal, utterly intimate. But it is not so private as to be solitary. It can happen to many, and they can form a community to sustain one another in their self-transformation and to help one another in working out the implications and fulfilling the promise of their new life. Finally, what can become communal, can become historical. It can pass from generation to generation. It can spread from one cultural milieu to another. It can adapt to changing circumstances, confront new situations, survive into a different age, flourish in another period or epoch.

Conversion, as lived, affects all of a man's conscious and intentional operations. It directs his gaze, pervades his imagination, releases the symbols that penetrate to the depths of his psyche. It enriches his understanding, guides his judgments, reinforces his decisions. But as communal and historical, as a movement with its own cultural, institutional, and doctrinal dimensions, conversion calls for a reflection that makes the movement thematic, that explicitly explores its origins, developments, purposes, achievements, and failures.

(Bernard Lonergan, S.J., *Method in Theology*, Seabury, 1972, pp. 130-131)

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jonah 3:1-5, 10/ Psalm 25/
1 Corinthians 7:29-31/ Mark 1:14-20
- Monday: Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops. 2 Timothy 1:1-8/ Psalm 96/ Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10/ Psalm 40/ Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church. Hebrews 10:11-18/
Psalm 110/ Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25/ Psalm 24/ Mark 4:21-25
- Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39/ Psalm 37/ Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday: Saint John Bosco, Priest. Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19/ (Psalm) Luke 1:69-75/
Mark 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ Psalm 95/
1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Ann and Tom Barwick

9:00 AM: Liam and Antoinette Roberts 11:00 AM: Vicki Grorud and Mary Gabelsberger

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, January 11: \$6,057.00 FOR SUNDAY, January 18: \$4,735.85

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$776.65

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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

Jesus appears here like a magnet to Simon, Andrew, James, and John, who are drawn to him without question. This Gospel scene ought to make us ponder our attraction to the Lord. When he calls us to the mission, maybe in the silent presence of the poor or the sick among us, do we drop what we are doing and follow, or do we ask questions first? Do we give ourselves without reservation, or do we place conditions upon our participation in the mission to which Christ invites us?