

"This is my commandment:
Love one another as I love you."

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2015**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN- Faith, Hope and Charity

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Charities.

Through your gift to the Catholic Charities 2015 Annual Campaign you are honoring Jesus' teaching that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Support our work with pregnant women and new moms, women in housing transition, newcomers to the USA, families in crisis, children and youth.

Please give as generously as you can. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or call 503-688-2621.



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Charities**

THIS SUNDAY Padraig Jenkins-Law will be baptized and receive his First Eucharist. His brother, Milo Jenkins-Law will also receive his First Communion. May God bless them always.

16TH ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE. Sunday, June 14, 2:00 (shotgun start)

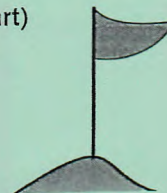
SKAMANIA GOLF COURSE (Stevenson, WA), 9-hole "scramble + your 12" tape.

\$35 includes green fee + cart, & money for awards (dinner not included)

Food is available at the grill next to the pro shop.

Deadline: June 5th or the first 40 paid registrations, whichever comes first.

See bulletin board for more information and registration forms.



RENEWING THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC MARRIAGE: A couple's retreat day with Deacon Owen Cummings

Saturday, May 30, St. Pius X Community Center, 1280 NW Saltzman Road, Portland

Using a variety of sources, the retreat day will help participants to reflectively think through the renewal of their marriage commitment. The sources being used to facilitate this reflection are varied and will include, for example, Holy Scripture, the Catholic Tradition of theological reflection, poetry and music as well as insights from contemporary therapeutic models.

See bulletin board or email boblittle@sstpius.org

SAINT BENEDICT FESTIVAL, MT. ANGEL ABBEY, SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

Spend a summer afternoon with the monks of Mount Angel Abbey at the new Saint Benedict Festival on Saturday, July 11, from noon to 5 p.m. They will share cuisine inspired by Benedictine kitchens around the world, seasonal beer from the Abbey's Benedictine Brewery, and Oregon wines. Monks will lead behind-the-scenes tours and challenge guests to lively lawn games such as croquet (their favorite!). Buy \$40 tickets (adults only) online at mountangelabbey.org/saint-benedict-festival or by sending a check to the Abbey Foundation of Oregon, PO Box 497, Saint Benedict, OR 97373-0497. Please specify quantity. (503)845-3064

RESURRECTION PARISH WILL HOST A PRESENTATION by Lutheran Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfer on Wednesday May 13 at 7:00 pm regarding her recent experience of walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. This 500 mile pilgrimage, known as "The Way of St. James," has been a popular Catholic pilgrims' route in northern Spain since the 11th century. Anyone who may want to walk the Camino or hear about the experience is most welcome. This is a free event Refreshments will be provided.

It often seems that the more schooling we have the less able we are to handle the ambiguity of Christian living. The logic of scientific thought encourages us to focus upon one concept at a time. The poetic language of the scriptures leads us to hold in a healthy tension concepts which, at first glance, seem mutually contradictory.

God calls us to a way of life which makes demands, yet God's ways frequently seem to contravene the way we have taken. This was certainly Peter's experience. Peter thought that only those born in Israel could come to Christ, but the manifestation of the Spirit's gifts in the life of the Gentile Cornelius shattered all his comfortable notions.

Christ's resurrection shattered all notions of how God might work among us. It destroyed all barriers which might hedge in the possibilities of God's power working in human history. Christ's victory showed forth the power of love: God's love which could draw forth from death the servant who had gone to death in obedience to love.

For the makers of greeting cards love might be sentimental and soft. For Christians, love is as strong and as real as the demands made by friends who are willing to die that the other might live. That gives greater cause for the singing of alleluias than do fuzzy fantasies about some sort of love which can be reduced to pastel holy cards. Only living in that sort of love will enable us to know that death and life, obedience and freedom, vigilance and surprise are but different refractions of one true Light.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *Sixth Sunday of Easter*. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Psalm 98/ 1 John 4:7-10/
John 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/ Psalm 149/ John 15:26 through 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/ Psalm 138/ John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 through 18:1/ Psalm 148/ John 16:12-15

Thursday: (Archdiocese will observe the Solemnity of the Ascension on Sunday, May 17)

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Psalm 113/ John 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Psalm 47/ John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Psalm 47/ John 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension of the Lord*. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/ Mark 16:15-20

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,494.00

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS: \$295.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$497.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Kay Fagan and Barbara Kitzberger

11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White

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

We are a people that place a high value on the right to choose. We make all sorts of choices -big and small—in the course of our everyday lives. How does it feel to know that you did not choose Jesus, but in fact he chose you? Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking that we are responsible for our faith, that it is there to be chosen or not. This simply is not true. It is Christ who has called to us, clasped us to himself, and is unwilling to let us go. Thus, the only choice is whether we want to follow his command to love, learning bit by bit what it means to “lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Choose to love today in all that you say and do.