



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2015**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Beckett Graham Storti, who was baptized last Sunday, April 26. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, Tyler and Natalie Storti.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUTTON and RILEY ELSKE, who were confirmed last week end. Please keep them in your prayers.

NEXT 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN- Faith, Hope and Charity

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 to Catholic Charities' 2015 Annual Campaign. The Campaign is underway the weekend of May 2nd – 3rd with a collection on May 9th-10th. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or call 503-688-2621.

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@sstpious.org

CHERISHING CREATION: CALLED TO THE COMMON GOOD

The World Is Changing. Let us Show You How

29th Annual Social Action Summer Institute

Pope Francis: "The time to find global solutions is running out. We will only be able to find adequate solutions if we act together and in agreement."

July 19-23, 2015

University of Portland

www.archpdx.org/jprespect/SASi.html

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on June 12-14, 2015 call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

At the beginning of the second discourse after the Last Supper, Jesus says, "I am the true vine!" When he makes such an unprecedented remark, does he have in mind that vine carved in stone on the temple pediment to symbolize Israel? The image fits well within the context of the Last Supper, where Jesus has just given his disciples the wine of the new covenant prefigured at Cana. In any case, it would evoke in the hearts of the disciples the whole history of the relationship between God and the chosen people.

Sign of blessing, symbol of the fruitful wife, the vine is present throughout the life of this people who are attached to the land. God could rightly expect fine grapes from that luxuriant vine uprooted from Egypt and planted in Canaan. He has lavished so much care on it! But he received only sour grapes in return (Isaiah 5:1-7). In the words of the prophets, the vine came to signify the sinful and degenerate Israel, unfaithful to the covenant and about to be punished for its perversity. Later hope is reborn for a magnificent vine, a purified and faithful people for whom the Lord would be the guardian, day and night.

"I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower." Jesus at last fulfills the divine expectation which has so long been frustrated. He is, in his person, the true Israel and his blood has brought forth a new vine on Calvary. Henceforth, none can bear fruit for God unless they are in Jesus, and Jesus in them, in a reciprocity of love which alone assures life its fruitfulness. "You in me . . . I in you": that is the refrain of his discourse, the marvelous promise which the Eucharist already begins to fulfill.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Acts 9:26-31/ Psalm 22/ 1 John 3:18-24/ John 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Psalm 115/ John 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Psalm 145/ John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Psalm 122/ John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Psalm 96/ John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Psalm 57/ John 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Psalm 100/ John 15:18-21

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,931.00

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS: \$1,844.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Alexandra Hagen

9:00 AM: Barbara and Karl Wetzell

11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

Jesus compares the disciples to branches of the vine that need to be pruned by his Word. The more a vine is pruned, the better its fruit will be. What needs a bit of pruning in you? What should be cut back in order to allow your life to be grafted onto Christ once again?

