

ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



ALL SOULS DAY is Monday, November 2. Mass will be celebrated here at 8:30 a.m.

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.

<u>FOOD SUNDAY</u> - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB HAS ARRIVED and will be here during the month of November for the collection of baby and maternity items for *Pregnancy Support Services* at Catholic Charities. This is a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said "yes" to new life. A list of items needed can be found on the table near the crib. Especially needed are all sizes of diapers, diaper wipes, baby hygiene items, Pack & Plays (new and gently used), car seats (2013, 2014 and 2015 only), and maternity clothes (new and gently used). Cash donations are also accepted.



CHOIR PRACTICE will be held from 6:30 to 8:15 PM beginning Tuesday, October 27th.

MARRIED COUPLES: The Holidays are just around the corner and so many times the "Reason for the Season" is lost in the hustle and bustle. Re-focus your priority on your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A weekend renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthespark.org for the November 6th - 8th weekend at Mt. Angel Abby just east of Salem. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

NEW FALL COLLECTIONS AT THE ADIDAS EMPLOYEE STORE, including Climaheat and Climawarm products for men, women, and kids are available to St. Elizabeth parishioners, family, and friends who are once again invited to shop at the Adidas Employee Store. Hours are 9am to 9pm daily. The offer expires November 3, 2015. Passes are available in the back of the church. Photo ID will be requested of pass holders upon entry.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: 11:00 AM: Jim and Karyl Frazer

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

Since the fourth century various Eastern Churches have commemorated a feast of all martyrs. By the sixth century this commemoration was celebrated at Rome. November 1 as the date for this celebration in the West seems to have originated in Ireland and/or Britain where it was seen as a "harvest feast" at the close of the liturgical year. In 844, Pope Gregory IV established this date for all the Roman Church. Joined to the day was the commemoration of the dedication of the Pantheon as the church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

"Who are these people, all dressed in white? And where have they come from?" (Revelation 7:13). The question demands an answer if All Saints is not to be a mere daydream unrelated to the reality of our lives. We are these people celebrating what we ourselves are in process of becoming. The solemnity of All Saints is the feast of the possible saint which each of us bears within.

There are several mistaken ideas about the saints who have preceded us. The first error is to imagine them only in their final state, a halo around their heads above some altar. In reality the saints are in our midst, even if "what we shall later be has not yet come to light" (1 John 3:2). They belong first of all to the earth, to that pilgrim people coming from the great trial of this life and climbing, in uninterrupted procession, toward the final city.

Often we also run the risk of considering the saints as superhuman, escaping the common lot of mortals by their miracles and their exceptional strength of soul. There again, if we look closely, we see that their faults of character were not always overcome. The saints remained subject to their passions but placed them at the service of their holiness. For holiness itself is passion converted.

Saint Bernard liked to describe the Church between the two comings of the Lord as "ante et retro oculata." That is, we are looking back toward the ideal of the beatitudes, and forward toward that huge crowd of the Book of Revelation whom we must soon join.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: All Saints. Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/ Psalm 24/ 1 John 3:1-3/ Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday: <u>The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)</u>. Wisdom 3:1-9/

Psalm 23/ Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/ John 6:37-40

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16b/ Psalm 131/ Luke 14:15-24 Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10/ Psalm 112/ Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12/ Psalm 27/ Luke 15:1-10 Friday: Romans 15:14-21/ Psalm 98/ Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Psalm 145/ Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1st Kings 17:10-16/ Psalm 146/

Hebrews 9:24-28/ Mark 12:38-44

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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, Administrative Assistant - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

Reflection Matthew 5:1-12a

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. In today's Gospel account we hear the Beatitudes, which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of sanctity in our Christian lives. We hear how to live lives of holiness so that we may attain happiness in this life, but even more happiness in the next life as we strive to likewise be numbered among all the saints in heaven.