



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 10, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH



EILEEN O'ROURKE September 26, 1915 - April 4, 2016:

Long time parish member and social butterfly extraordinaire, Eileen O'Rourke, died peacefully at home on Monday. At 100 years old, Eileen was the oldest member of our parish. Our condolences and prayers are with her daughters, Ruth Walsh and Cecily Harkins, her son-in law, Alex Harkins and Eileen's large extended family. May she bask in the shining light of our Lord forever! Eileen, you will be missed!

ARCHBISHOP'S SEMINARY TEA: All are invited to celebrate the 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Archbishop Sample's ordination to the priesthood at the annual Archbishop's Seminary Tea on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Portland Golf Club, 5900 SW Schools Ferry Rd. Admission is \$35; register at the tea or call Mary Kay Beaudoin at 503-297-2994.

SATURDAY WINE & CHEESE: We have two dates when we need hosts for Wine & Cheese – **July 30** and **August 13**. All that's required are some crackers & cheeses and a few additional hors d'oeuvres. The church can provide the wine. Contact Elizabeth Duncan to volunteer: 503-222-2168 or office@stelizabethportland.net. .

TRANSITION PROJECTS is going strong and needs extra volunteers to help make sack lunches. This is a great family service project or a project to take on with a group of friends. Interested? Contact Jean Horton (jhorton150@comcast.net) or Maura O'Scannlain (maurapdx@comcast.net).

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: We are finalizing the new parish directory. If you haven't submitted your photo, memorial photos or updated your contact information, now's the time! Send pictures to photos@StElizabethPortland.net or office@stelizabethportland.net.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 17th.

9:00 AM – Maureen & Don Binzer 11:00 AM - Jana Davis & Alice Fay
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

Collection for Last Sunday: \$7,413 Simple Supper: \$2,403.00

As always, thanks for your generosity.

Christ's appearance to seven of his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias marks an important step in the growth of paschal faith. As the Father sent his Son into the world, so the Lord Jesus will send his disciples on mission. The overwhelming catch of fish from the lake is a living parable of the church's apostolic activity. The Risen Christ is the source of its fruitfulness.

Just like the apostles who went back to their nets after the tragedy of the passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. What if our faith in the resurrection were not more than a religious tradition? What if Christ no longer dwells in this established Church, which seems so rooted in defensiveness and little given to apostolic boldness? If that were so, we might be tempted to return to the reassuring banality of our everyday tasks. Or we might be tempted to organize ourselves into a Christian ghetto, separate from those who might upset our certitudes. We could dream nostalgically of the Church of former times when faith was taken for granted and religion ruled society.

But Christ stands on the shores of this world, more involved than ever, and he calls us to throw away our nets. We do not always recognize him at the first meeting, but he is there. He calls to us from the heart of our communities, in the commitments of those who seek the truth, who love and who forgive, who struggle for a better and more just world. He is there, above all, in that meal where we share his memory.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Third Sunday of Easter, Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Psalm 30/
Revelation 5:11-14/ John 21:1-19.
- Monday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Acts 6:8-15/ Psalm 119/
John 6:22-29.
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Psalm 31/ John 6:30-35.
- Wednesday: Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr, Acts 8:1b-8/ Psalm 66/ John 6:35-40.
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Psalm 66/ John 6:44-51.
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Psalm 117/ John 6:52-59.
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/ Psalm 116/ John 6:60-69.
- Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Psalm 100/
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/ John 10:27-30.

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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.

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Joan Enright/Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistants

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



There is no doubt that Peter was the driving force of the disciples, yet he was the one who must have felt the most extreme guilt and failure after his abandonment and denial of Jesus. Such failures, serious defeats and setbacks in life can have debilitating effects on us all. The three questions Jesus asks Peter offer a means of erasing those three denials. Jesus shows Peter that he trusts him despite those denials. Peter's denials of Jesus were a surprise for Peter, but they were not a surprise for Jesus; he had told Peter that this would happen. It was Peter who needed to let go of the past, not Jesus. If Jesus had not come to Peter that early morning, Peter might have stayed fishing in the boats on Galilee for the rest of his life. He would have been trapped by the bad memories and guilt of the past and spent the rest of his life wrestling with his failures. Fortunately Jesus came to Peter and, as Jesus asks if Peter loves him, the three answers by Peter are received by Jesus with the sincerity in which they are spoken, and Peter's three denials are forgiven and forgotten.

Jesus shows Peter that he trusts him in spite of Peter's past failures and that there is important work that he wants to share with Peter. It is significant that Peter realizes that Jesus forgives him. Peter does nothing to earn that forgiveness. Forgiveness is simply there, and all Peter need do is to recognize and accept Jesus' forgiveness in order to heal the hurts and failures of the past and discover the new life and ministry that Jesus offers him.