



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 17, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATION PARTY FOR JOAN ENRIGHT! After 21 years spent handling three different priest (including 14 years trying to keep Fr. Jim under control), Joan is ready to retire. Her last official day in the office is April 29th. All are invited to join in celebrating Joan's years of dedicated service to St. Elizabeth's following the 11am Mass next Sunday, April 24th. If you don't attend that Mass, plan on coming around noon. We hope to see you there!

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED! St. Elizabeth's longstanding Hospital Ministry at OHSU requires additional volunteers to meet the needs of Catholic patients. If you can serve even a few hours one day a month it would mean so much to our church ministry and patients at OHSU. Training is provided. Contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or frankiemanderson@comcast.net or the church office.

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. If you are a member of the Seminary Tea Committee, please be sure to pick up your packets in the back of the church.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: Next weekend we will take a collection for Catholic Home Missions. Your contribution will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States. Envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you.

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 24th.

9:00 AM – Karl & Barbara Wetzels 11:00 AM - The Heisler Family

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

Collection for Last Sunday: \$4,013.00 Thank you!

First, there is the church. First, there is the Church. **FIRST, THERE IS THE CHURCH.** This is not a typographical error. It has to be repeated (more times than above) because of a more fundamental error in our past and in our present. Christians simply cannot think straight or act right about any type of ministry **WITHIN THE CHURCH** unless we first get some very wrong notions out of our heads and hearts and bones and marrow.

Somewhere along the line, we fell into an unbiblical and unChristian trap. We got the idea that ministers come first, the clergy come first . . . and only then the church. We got the crazy idea that God makes bishops (including the pope) first, and then the bishops and priests somehow create the church, the community of believers. We never put it that crudely. But that is the way many of us think . . . and act.

Now we have to clear the air and begin to understand and feel again what was understood and felt for so long: that God covenants a people, a church, a community of initiated (baptized, confirmed, eucharistized) people. That is the grand and beautiful reality of grace and mission and sign—a people created in covenant worship to witness and to serve. That is what we have to get into our heads and bones again. Until we do, nothing we say about any ministry will make Christian sense.

Ministries come into existence because the church, this people, has need of servants for specific tasks and with specific talents. The number, type, character of such servants, or ministers, will vary from time to time as the needs of the church may change. But always the great encompassing reality is the church—the community of sisters and brothers—created by God to serve God's world.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Fourth Sunday of Easter.* Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Psalm 100/
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/ John 10:27-30.
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalm 42 & 43/ John 10: 1-10.
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalm 87/ John 10:22-30.
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Psalm 67/ John 12:44-50.
- Thursday: *Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.* Acts 13:13-25/
Psalm 89/ John 13:16-20.
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalm 2/ John 14:1-6.
- Saturday: *Saint George, Martyr.* Acts 13:44-52/ Psalm 98/ John 14:7-14.
- Next Sunday: *Fifth Sunday of Easter.* Acts 14:21-27/ Psalm 145/ Revelation 21:1-5a/
John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

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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.

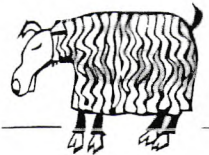
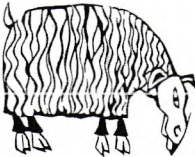
Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

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

Joan Enright/Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistants - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call at 503-222-2168 or
email us at office@stelizabethportland.net



Reflection

Shepherds live with the sheep, even sleeping at the sheep gate. When sheep wander away, the shepherd seeks them. Upon finding a lost one, the shepherd carries the sheep around his neck, holding him painfully tight to reinforce the shepherd's smell and voice to encourage the sheep not to wander again. Pope Francis told clergy to smell like the sheep and live with God's people like the Good Shepherd. That is how close God comes to us, even taking on our flesh. Allow God close to you so that you smell like the One who wants to smell like us. Let God's scent be yours. Get close to others so that they can know, remember, and follow God's voice today.