



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 3, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS to Cate Gomez who received the sacrament of confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Cate in your prayers

SIMPLE SUPPER AND FOOD BASKET COLLECTIONS ARE TODAY.

Your support of our Transition Projects and Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank is always appreciated.



EASTER FLOWERS: The list of loved ones remembered with Easter flowers is available on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Please return your rice bowls to the basket by the doors into the sanctuary.

THE EASTER EDITION OF THE WORD AMONG US is available in the back of the church. It contains the Mass readings from Easter through Pentecost along with daily meditations.

ST. PHILIP NERI AND THE PAULIST FATHERS' PENTECOST RETREAT

“God of Mercy: Walking Humbly in the Footsteps of Pope Francis” with Fr. Michael Evernden as the main presenter. Retreat begins Friday, April 8 at 6 pm and runs through Sunday, April 10 at 1pm. Location: Oral Hull Retreat Center near Sandy, OR. This will be the Paulist Fathers' final retreat before their withdrawal from St. Philip Neri. Flyers with complete information are available in the back of the church.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: We hope to finalize the new parish directory in the next few weeks. 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.

NORTHWEST FAMILY SERVICES offers Adolescent Development Programs Sunday, April 17, 2016. Mother-Daughter Program for girls ages 9-12 at 2:00-4:00 pm; Father-Son Program for boys ages 10 to 13 at 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Programs held at Providence Portland Medical Center Social Room, 4805 NE Glisan St., Portland. Cost is \$15 per family per program. Visit www.nwfs.org to register and for more information.

Collection for Holy Thursday (For the Needy): \$710.00

Good Friday (For the Holy Land): \$874.00

Collection for Easter: \$10,705.80

Thank you for your generosity.

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We are surprised by his change of heart. Accepting the risk of faith is not easy. Thomas reminds us of ourselves with our need to touch. He mistrusts any claim upon his faith not rooted in daily experience. The Lord accepts this need. Eight days later, he takes Thomas at his word and gives in to his demand, “Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!”

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| Monday: | <i>The Annunciation of the Lord.</i> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Psalm 40/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38. |
| Tuesday: | Acts 4:32-37/ Psalm 93/ John 3:7b-15. |
| Wednesday: | Acts 5:17-26/ Psalm 34/ John 3:16-21. |
| Thursday: | Acts 5:27-33/ Psalm 34/ John 3:31-36. |
| Friday: | Acts 5:34-42/ Psalm 27/ John 6: 1-15. |
| Saturday: | Acts 6:1-7/ Psalm 33/ John 6: 16-21. |
| Next Sunday: | <i>Third Sunday of Easter.</i> Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41/ Psalm 30/ Revelation 5:11-14/ John 21: 1-19. |

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