



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 14, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR FIRST LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE AND SOUP & BREAD SUPPER takes place this **Tuesday, February 16th**. Our Prayer Service begins at 6:00 PM. If you can volunteer to help set-up, serve, clean-up and/or bring soup or bread, please sign-up in the back of the church. Prayer Services followed by Soup and Bread suppers will take place at 6:00 PM every Tuesday during Lent through March 15th.

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR LENT:

Tuesday, February 16 & 23: After Soup/Bread Suppers

Wednesday, March 2: 6:30 PM

March 8 and 15: After Soup/Bread Suppers

March 22: 6:30 PM

CRS RICE BOWL: Every year, parishioners in our Archdiocese contribute generously to CRS Rice Bowl. This generosity not only serves the poor on an international scale, but 25 percent of donations serve our neighbors in Western Oregon. Please take a rice bowl and use this simple and fun resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience this year.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who has pledged or made a gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. We will continue to collect your pledge cards in the regular collection basket. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. We'd love 100 percent participation from St. Elizabeth's to show our support for our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. Thank you!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please send all your updated information – email addresses, cell phone numbers and photos -- for the new church directory photos@StElizabethPortland.net or office@stelizabethportland.net. Mark or Cathy Myers will be available after many Masses to take photos.

TRANSITION PROJECTS: Volunteers are needed to make sack lunches and bake cookies! We also need a **coordinator** for our baking effort. Your gently used and clean blankets and umbrellas are still needed! If you're interested in any of these projects, please contact Maura at maurapdx@comcast.net or Jean at jhorton150@comcast.net.
THANK YOU!

81ST ANNUAL ST IGNATIUS ITALIAN DINNER: Today! Sunday, February 14th
Noon to 6 PM. Dillon Hall at St. Ignatius Church, 3400 SE 43rd Ave (SE 43 Ave and Powell Blvd).

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 21st:

9:00 AM – Coleen & Jim Connolly 11:00 AM – The Myers Family

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

The gospel tradition joins the account of Jesus' temptation by Satan to the story of his baptism. Led into the desert by the Spirit received at the Jordan, Jesus is subjected to trial during his forty day fast. Here Luke seizes the occasion to present the two protagonists of a drama which will reach its climax at "the appointed hour," Good Friday. By confronting his principal antagonist at the beginning of his public life, Jesus clarifies his understanding of the messianic role.

First, he does not use his power as magic for selfish ends. Second, he situates his sovereignty as son of God in relation to the political realities of this world. His reign is subject only to God from whom he has received all that he is. Finally, led to Jerusalem to endure the passion, he refuses to tempt his Father by demanding special protection, although it would vindicate his unique claim.

Every Christian is tempted: by the worship of money, by the expansion of political power exercised with disdain for human rights, and by the reduction of religion to a tool of human ambition. These are so many masks donned by the devil who is most clever when he makes us doubt his existence. Like the Son of God in the desert, we are called in this time of prayer and fasting to reidentify our Christian vocation.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>First Sunday of Lent.</i> Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Psalm 91/ Romans 10:8-13/ Luke 4:1-13.
Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46.
Tuesday:	Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15.
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32.
Thursday:	Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12.
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26.
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48.
Next Sunday:	<i>Second Sunday of Lent.</i> Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Psalm 27/ Philippians 3:17-4:1/ Luke 9:28b-36.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$7,057.00 Simple Supper: \$394.00 Thank you!

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



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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.

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish?

Give us a call at 503-222-2168 or

email us at office@stelizabethportland.net



Reflection

Lent makes little sense without Easter. The temptations of Christ in the desert make little sense without understanding his mission. In both cases, the first is a preparation for the second. Luke's Gospel account highlights the role of the Holy Spirit as Jesus is initiated at the Jordan, led into the desert, and begins his public ministry in Galilee. In each circumstance, Jesus resists the illusion of control and cooperates fully with God's unfolding plan. Although he is the son of God, Jesus never denies his humanity. During this Lent, how will you cooperate with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit working in and through you?