

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

PENANCE SERVICES FOR LENT:

Wednesday, February 24	7:00 PM	Resurrection Catholic Parish, Tualatin
Tuesday, March 1	7:00 PM	St. Clare, Portland
Saturday, March 5	10:00AM	Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego
Wednesday, March 9	7:00 PM	St. Cyril, Wilsonville
Tuesday, March 15	7:00 PM	St. Anthony, Tigard
Thursday, March 22	7:00 PM	Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE AND SOUP & BREAD SUPPER takes place this

Tuesday, February 23rd 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 23: After Soup/Bread Suppers

Wednesday, March 2: 6:30 PM

March 8 and 15: After Soup/Bread Suppers

March 22: 6:30 PM

<u>DAY OF REFLECTION – "FAITH IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS"</u> – During this day of reflection, Fr. Jim Hogan will invite participants to contemplate three questions: Does Faith Really Matter? Does Religion Matter? Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9am – 4pm, Mission of the Atonement, 7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Beaverton 503-646-1344. For more information see flyer on bulletin board in back of church.

<u>NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY</u>: Please send names and pictures for the Memorial Page for our updated Parish Directory. Also, please update your personal information with correct email addresses, cell phone numbers and photos: <u>photos@StElizabethPortland.net</u> or <u>office@stelizabethportland.net</u>. Mark or Cathy Myers will be available after many Masses to take photos.

<u>TRANSITION PROJECTS</u>: Volunteers are needed to make sack lunches and bake cookies! Your gently used and clean blankets and umbrellas are still needed! If you're interested in any of these projects, please contact Maura at <u>maurapdx@comcast.net</u> or Jean at <u>jhorton150@comcast.net</u>. THANK YOU!

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,510.00 Ash Wednesday: \$498.00 Thank you!

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope.

The transfigured Jesus, however, models not only the goal of the Christian but also our ongoing life. The passage forms a fitting climax to the instruction on discipleship which immediately precedes it (Luke 9:23-27). First of all, Luke emphasizes that Jesus' transfiguration took place "while he was praying," an action integral to Christian life (cf. Luke 18:1). Secondly, he speaks with Moses and Elijah concerning his exodus, his transit to the Father through death, resurrection, and exaltation, which is announced in the first passion prediction (Luke 9:22). The disciples also are called upon to take up the cross and follow Jesus in order to arrive at life. Then they will see the glory of the Son of Man and of the Father (Luke 9:23-27). This appearance is a foretaste of that glory. Finally, at the transfiguration the voice from the cloud, heard at Jesus' baptism, is heard again, this time commanding, "Listen to him." The disciples are those who "listen to the word of God and keep it."

Thus we see in the transfigured Jesus both the goal and the way. We must not confuse the one for the other. The transfiguration marks only a temporary halt in the journey to Jerusalem, only a pause in this exodus. We who follow Jesus must continue to the end, strengthened by the glorious hope to which we are called.

LITURGITCAL READINGS

Today: Second Sunday of Lent. Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Psalm 27/

Philippians 3:17-4:1/ Luke 9:28b-36.

Monday: 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 16:13-19. Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 23:1-12.

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28.

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31.

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15,18-20/ Psalm 103/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Next Sunday: *Third Sunday of Lent*. Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/ Psalm 103/

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/ Luke 13:1-9.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 28th:

4:00 PM Wine & Cheese - Mary Minor

9:00 AM – Mary & Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM – Jim & Karyl Frazer

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

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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 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

The gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent always presents an account of the Transfiguration. Its message of hope sustains us throughout the forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. With Peter, James and John, we are invited to ascend the mountain of revelation with Jesus and to glimpse the glory of divinity hidden within his humanity. But we take heart, knowing that the saving power of God is transforming us each day into the glorious image of Christ. May this Lent help us appreciate this wonder with gratitude and awe.