



We thank you, God for all your gifts
 even for ashes, still witnesses of life that was.
Yours is the Spirit that puts flesh on dry bones
 and animates what is without you lifeless.
As we begin the Lenten journey,
 let us be as Jesus' death on the cross,
 let us be as these ashes from which only you can bring life.
Let this season be an experience of big and little deaths for us,
 deaths that usher in your kingdom and your reign,
 deaths that open heaven and that make this world
 your sovereign place.
Bless the ashes left by our wars, our violence and our oppression,
 by our hates and sins and crimes and neglects,
 by our racism, our waste, our pollution, our terrible inequities.
Bless them with a grace that stirs new life,
 and let your Spirit blow into them a fire that warms the world.
Let life come to us through these ashes,
 as life floods the world through the cross of Jesus Christ.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor are yours, almighty; God, forever and ever.

Amen.

From Ashes to Easter
Liturgical Conference, Inc. 1974

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 7, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at **8:30 AM -- NOON -- 7:00 PM.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

SIMPLE SUPPER and FOOD BASKET COLLECTIONS TODAY: Your generosity as we include a third shelter to St. Elizabeth's transition projects is appreciated!

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL: We will continue to collect your pledge cards for the 2016 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$26,021.33. If you have not already done so, please complete your pledge card indicating your gift or pledge to our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. Thank you!

ST. ALEXANDER UPDATE: Construction has begun on the new church for St. Alexander parish in Cornelius. The foundation is poured and walls are being constructed. This progress is largely the result of YOUR contributions! As of January 31, 2016 our parish has made donations and pledges totally \$56,507.59 from 86 families. **Thank you so very much for your generosity, prayers and support!** Pictures of the construction are posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Envelopes and information on the building fund remain available in back of the church. The matching gift fund is currently \$13,675.08, so contributions will still be matched.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH:

Small Faith Sharing Groups: This is the last weekend to sign up to participate in a faith sharing group during Lent. Groups will start meeting after Ash Wednesday. If you signed up, you will be contacted with your group information.

Lenten Prayer Service followed by Soup & Bread Supper: Our first prayer service and soup/bread supper will be *Tuesday, February 16 at 6PM.* Come join us!

Join the Choir for Holy Week Services: If you enjoy singing and/or play an instrument, consider joining the choir during Lent. Practice schedule is available in the back.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: Please take one and use this simple and fun resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience this year.

Lenten Prayer and Devotional Materials are available on the tables in the back.

SIGN-UP SHEETS and ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR ALL THESE ACTIVITIES
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLES IN THE BACK.

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.

Two boats move slowly toward shore, laden with freshly caught fish. At the end of a fruitless night, the disciples had taken an exceptional catch. This augurs well for the future which the Lord announces to these potential fishers of humanity who are ready to leave everything to follow him.

It is not without reason that Luke groups together the call of the first disciples and the episode of the miraculous catch. Under his pen the past of Jesus' ministry and the present of the Church's mission run together. The primitive community, born at Pentecost, pursues the proclamation of the gospel. The risen One continues his preaching through the voice of those whom he has chosen. The result is like an abundant catch of fish.

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets!” If Jesus sends his followers to fish for people, it is because they themselves have been caught in the net of his word. They must therefore set out on the adventure of faith, accept the risk of casting off, leave the security of a sheltered port to go beyond what is foreseeable and reasonable wherever the Spirit blows. After having been fish, they must become fishers in their turn, without fear of suffering. True apostles, they must be ready to signal their companions in the other boat to come to their aid. In these times of crisis when there is a great temptation to hold onto everything we believe to be in danger, faith must more than ever be a daring putting out into deep water.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 6:1-8/ Psalm 138/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Luke 5:1-11.
Monday:	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/ Psalm 132/ Mark 6:53-56.
Tuesday:	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/ Psalm 84/ Mark 7:1-13.
Wednesday:	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Joel 2:12-18/ Psalm 51/ 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalm 1/ Luke 9:22-25.
Friday:	Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 9:14-15.
Saturday:	Isaiah 58 9b-14/ Psalm 86/ Luke 5:27-32.
Next Sunday:	<i>First Sunday of Lent.</i> Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Psalm 91/ Romans 10:8-13/ Luke 4:1-13.

TRANSITION PROJECTS: We still need volunteers to make daily sack lunches. Plus, we need bakers to bake homemade cookies for the monthly Sunday meal that St. E's prepares for the shelter. We need a **coordinator** for our baking effort and **volunteers who love to bake**. 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: 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 13th and 14th:

4:00 PM Wine & Cheese – Kay and Jim Armstrong

9:00 AM – Eileen and Perry Broughton 11:00 AM – Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3967.74 Thank you.

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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

**God, our Father, you are near and far off,
as ungraspable as the wave
that rolls in from the sea
and yet breaks on the shore.
Grant us the faith which,
together with Jesus,
leads us out toward the deep,
and still helps us discover that,
in him, you reveal yourself
as the God who is very close at hand,
both now and forevermore.**



(Pierre Groilet, *You call us Together*, 1973)