



Because I said so!

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 17, 2016**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: We are happy to continue to accept contributions. If you aren't able to give today, please take an envelope and return it next week in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY! There have been a lot of changes at St. E's over the past five years, and it's time to update our parish directory. Please review the 2010 Directory and make sure all your information is current. Provide us with your cell phone numbers and email addresses! **PICTURES!!!** We would love a picture in the directory for each family/person. Pictures are so helpful to all of us to connect a name to a face (and especially beneficial to your new parish administrator who only knows about 20% of you and is terrible at remembering names). You can submit a new picture and updated contact info to us at office@stelizabethportlant.net, or Mark Myers will be available to take your picture after Mass (dates to be determined and will be published in advance).

BLANKETS and UMBRELLAS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS: St. Elizabeth's Transition Projects team is now collecting twin size quilts and blankets and continues to collect umbrellas needed by guests staying at the homeless shelter. Donated **TWIN** size quilts and blankets need not be new, but must be clean and in good shape. Used umbrellas are also welcome, so long as they are in good working order. A clearly marked donation box is located in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

TRANSITION PROJECTS: Are you looking for a worthwhile service project to get involved in this New Year? Our church is committed to helping at three separate shelters and we need your help. Interested? A flyer detailing the Transition Projects is posted on the bulletin board. Your participation makes a huge difference in the lives of our homeless population. To get involved, please contact Jean Horton (jhorton150@comcast.net) or Maura O'Scannlain (maurapdx@comcast.net).

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: The U.S. Bishops annual novena, 9 Days for Life, takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections and more each day. Download the novena online or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com.

ADIDAS EMPLOYEE STORE 50% DISCOUNT: Guest passes available in the back of the church. Please note that guests now need a photo ID in addition to a printed or digital copy of the pass. Pass expires January 29, 2016.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Register for the next world Wide Marriage Encounter at Mt. Angel Abby February 19th - 21st. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on line at www.redcoverthespark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed online.

Jesus was invited to a wedding with his mother and his disciples. There he would perform the first of his signs. The evangelist reports this sign so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through our faith, we may have life in his name. (John 2:30-31).

Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, wine is the wedding drink, par excellence. Wine in such abundance was for Israel a symbol of the messianic age that was to come. Here it is poured forth at a wedding feast which calls to mind that the strongest image of God's relationship to humanity is that of espousal.

The ancient tradition of the Eastern Church celebrated in the Solemnity of the Epiphany three manifestations of Christ's glory: the revelation to the magi, the baptism in the Jordan, the wedding feast at Cana. The selection of this reading for this Sunday after Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord preserves this tradition.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 96/
1 Corinthians 12:4-11/ John 2:1-12.

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/ Psalm 50/ Mark 2:18-22.

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:23-28.

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Psalm 114/ Mark 3:1-6.

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Psalm 56/ Mark 13:7-12.

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/ Psalm 57/ Mark 3:13-19.

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Psalm 80/ Mark 3:20-21.

Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Psalm 19/
1 Corinthians 12:12-30/ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE – 17 boxes of envelopes are waiting to be claimed in the back of the church.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 24, 2016:

9:00 AM: Kay Fagan & Barbara Kitzberger 11:00 AM: Ed & Karen McGlone
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5389.23 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 Administrators

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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

Reflection

The Church remembers and celebrates three epiphanies, or manifestations, of Christ. The first, after his birth, is the revelation to the Magi. The second, at his baptism, is the revelation of the Jordan. And the third is the sign Jesus works at the wedding of Cana. Each offers a point of entry into the identity and mission of Jesus. At Cana, we glimpse how God was doing something new through the actions of Mary and her son. Mary was not only a mother but a disciple. Her recognition of need drew Jesus into his first public act of ministry. What new wine will he provide through our lives?