



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 24, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



**2016 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. Appeal funds provide substantial financial support to essential ministries that assist parishes in our Catholic Church in western Oregon. These programs provide education and faith formation at all levels and provide a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people. More detailed information is available in the bulletin insert. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail, please bring it to Mass next week as we join together to support our Catholic Church. If you did not receive a commitment card, we will have them available during Mass next weekend.

**HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!** St. Elizabeth's longstanding Hospital Ministry at OHSU requires additional volunteers to meet the needs of Catholic patients. If you can serve even a few hours one day a month it would mean so much to our church ministry and patients at OHSU. Training is provided. Contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or [frankiemanderson@comcast.net](mailto:frankiemanderson@comcast.net) or the church office.

**LENT IS ALMOST HERE!** The Christmas decorations are slowly disappearing, Father Jim is back at the pulpit where he belongs, and it's time to start preparing for Lent. Lent begins in only 2½ weeks! Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when we fast in various ways, find ways to share our blessings and endeavor to grow more deeply in the Christian life. St. Elizabeth's is very active during the Lenten Season and offers the following special activities to enrich your journey from Ashes to Easter:

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES – FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>** : Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:30 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

**SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING:** We will again offer several Small Group Faith Sharing opportunities. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church if you would like to lead or participate in a group. We will have more information available soon and you can expect a follow-up call.

**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS:** On Tuesdays during Lent, beginning Tuesday, February 16 through March 15, we will gather for a 6:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Elizabeth's, and we hope that everyone can enjoy at least one of our Tuesday night gatherings during Lent. We need a Coordinator for the suppers; contact Elizabeth at 503-222-2168 or [office@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:office@stelizabethportland.net) if you'd like to volunteer.

**Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL:** We will participate in Rice Bowl again this year. Materials will be available next week.



Not all of us are sent out to serve and evangelize on the basis of the same function. Some do it as hierarchical ministers, some as lay people, and some as people dedicated to the consecrated life. Complementing each other, we all construct the Kingdom of God on earth.

According to God's plan, all of us Christians are to find fulfillment as human beings. This is our human vocation. We also are to find fulfillment as Christians, living out our baptism and its summons to be holy (communion and cooperation with God), to be active members of the community, and to bear witness to the Kingdom (communion and cooperation with others). This is our Christian vocation. Finally, we must discover the concrete vocation (as lay person, consecrated religious or hierarchical minister) that will enable us to make our specific contribution to the construction of the Kingdom. This is our specific Christian vocation. In this way we will carry out our evangelizing mission in a full and organic way.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *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.

Monday: Acts 9:1-22, 22:3-16 / Psalm 117/ Mark 16:15-18.

Tuesday: Titus 1:1-5/ Psalm 96/ Mark 3:31-35.

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17/ Psalm 89/ Mark 4:1-20.

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/ Psalm 132/ Mark 4:21-25.

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Psalm 51/ Mark 4:26-34.

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Psalm 51/ Mark 4:35-41.

Next Sunday: *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/  
Psalm 71/1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13/ Luke 4:21-30.

**BLANKETS and UMBRELLAS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS:** We continue to collect **TWIN SIZE QUILTS AND BLANKETS** and umbrellas for the Multnomah Village homeless shelter. The donation box is located in the back of the church. If you are interested in helping out with St. E's Transition Projects, please contact Jean Horton (jhorton150@comcast.net) or Maura O'Scannlain (maurapdx@comcast.net).

#### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - January 30 and 31, 2016:**

4:00 PM Wine & Cheese: Ann & Tom Barwick

9:00 AM: Tim & Leslie Hutchison

11:00 AM: Tom & Traci Galbraith

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4297.00 Catholic Communications: \$758.00 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.

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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 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call at 503-222-2168 or email us at [office@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:office@stelizabethportland.net)

*Reflection*

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah had been read aloud in the synagogue by countless men but never with the power and authority of Jesus. At one and the same time, he announced God's vision of liberation for suffering humanity, claimed his identity in a great lineage of Hebrew prophets, and proclaimed the fulfillment of the Scriptures in the hearing of those present. It must have been an electrifying moment. This was Jesus' inaugural address, the text that defined his life and mission. As members of the Body of Christ, we claim it as ours.