



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 31, 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 COLLECTION and **FOOD SUNDAY COLLECTION** will be taken next weekend for the support of our monthly dinners at Transition Projects and for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – COMMITMENT WEEKEND: This weekend is Commitment Weekend 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. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church in western Oregon.

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 or the church office.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please review the 2010 directory and make certain all your information is current. Provide us with your cell phone numbers, email addresses and recent photos. We'd love a picture to accompany each name! Mark or Cathy Myers will be available after many Masses to take photos or you may send your photo and all updated information to Mark Myers at photos@StElizabethPortland.net or office@stelizabethportland.net.

TRANSITION PROJECTS: We have a lot going on:

- (1) We are continuing to collect TWIN SIZE blankets/quilts and umbrellas. THANK YOU for your wonderful response to these collections thus far. Your generosity has been overwhelming and the shelter guests are SO appreciative to have a warm blanket.
- (2) Volunteers are still needed to help make daily sack lunches.
- (3) We're seeking 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!

What kind of person is a prophet? He is an outcast, a hybrid, an unclubbable individualist. The central example is Christ, the prophet of the kingdom, who was called "Rabbi" but was not a scribe; who was a workman, but taught as if he had been a Rabbi; who was not a priest, or a politician, who was in fact quite unclassifiable, and for that reason a menace to anyone interested in maintaining Law and order. Even his origin is presented as uncertain, as if to emphasize his out-law condition.

What kind of person is a prophet, in himself? Just as the position of the prophet in the social order is impossible to pin down, so also prophets as people don't conform to type. There are clever ones and very simple ones, rugged types like Amos, poets like Isaiah, gentle, gay ones like Frances of Assisi and stern, ruthless ones like John the Baptist. The only thing prophets have in common is that they have been sent, and the mission on which they are sent is not theirs, nor is the power theirs that gives them strength and patience and courage and makes them indifferent to the opinions of other people—not because they are sure they are right, but because only the message matters, and rightness and wrongness, as the world judges these things are irrelevant. They do not require the vindication of being heard or of visible results. The success of the mission, even, is less important than carrying it out, though they grieve because men cannot hear the voice that they hear, as Christ wept for his beloved City, doomed because she would not hear his word. – Rosemary Haughton, *The Transformation of Man*

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Psalm 3/ Mark 5: 1-20.

Tuesday: *The Presentation of the Lord.* Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/
Luke 2:22-40.

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/ Psalm 32/ Mark 6:1-6.

Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/ [Psalm] 1 Chronicles 29: 10-12/ Mark 6:7-13.

Friday: *Saint Agatha.* Sirach 47:2-11/ Psalm 18/ Mark 6:14-29.

Saturday: *Saint Paul Miki and Companions.* 1 Kings 3:4-13/ Psalm 119/ Mark 6:30-34.

Next Sunday: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah 6:1-8/ Psalm 138/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/
Luke 5:1-11.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 7TH:

9:00 AM – Karl and Barbara Wetzel 11:00 AM – Mary Ann and Kevin Billings
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3658.03 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 - 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

Reflection

Who are today's prophets? Those who are unafraid to speak the inconvenient truths everyone needs to hear. The job description of a prophet always seems to include some pretty stiff rejection. It is not a career one chooses lightly but a compelling call requiring dedication and courage. Jeremiah tried to resist and so did Jonah, but to no avail. Jesus, on the other hand, embraced the role out of love, as an integral part of his mission. Paul reminds us that without love, prophecy is only noise.