



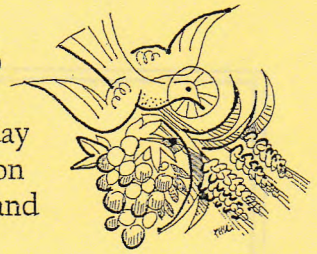
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Gwenie Lee ♦ Jaslyn Reed ♦ Tobias Schwab

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIRST COMMUNION: Our Congratulations and prayers go out to Gwenie Lee, Jaslyn Reed and Tobias Schwab who will receive their first communion at 11 AM Mass on Sunday. Our congratulations today also go out to Michaela Kriesien who is receiving her first communion at All Saints and Reif Larsen at Cathedral. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers.



A HUGE "THANK YOU!" TO SHARON FINLEY for teaching St. Elizabeth's first communion class! Sharon, you did a fantastic job and went above and beyond all expectations. Thank you for all your hard work!

SAVE THE DATE! ON MAY 15TH A CERTAIN PRIEST WHO BARES A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO JOLLY OLD ST. NICK WILL CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION! Nothing would make Father Jim happier than to have his friends at St. Elizabeth's help him celebrate this landmark occasion. He never thought he'd last 40 years, and, thankfully, he's still going strong! Join us after 11 AM Mass on May 15th for a CELEBRATION!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NANCY & PAUL HALLER who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows at the 9 AM Mass. We send them all our best wishes and look forward to celebrating their 50th in ten short years.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEW PARISH DIRECTORY? Mark Myers is accepting parishioner's advertisements. Contact Mark for details at photos@StElizabethPortland.net.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: Each year, Catholic Charities partners with tens of thousands of families and individuals across the Archdiocese to help them find opportunities that will lead to success and prosperity. Catholic Charities needs your help so that it can continue to serve the less fortunate in our community. The campaign launches on April 30th with a special collection on May 7th and 8th. To donate online, please go to www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or call 503-688-2656.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: If you missed the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and would still like to contribute, please take an envelope and place it in the regulation collection basket. Thank you!

TRANSITION PROJECTS seek extra volunteers to help make sack lunches. This is a great family service project or a project to take on with a group of friends. Interested? Contact Jean Horton (jhorton150@comcast.net) or Maura O'Scannlain (maurapdx@comcast.net).

We find ourselves in virtually the same situation as the people for whom the fourth gospel was intended: faith alone assures us that the Risen One is still present in the world, but present in absence.

We believe that, in returning to his Father, Christ does not cease to act. His death did not put an end to the spread of the gospel. By his death and rising Christ is present in a new way. The Spirit which had come down on him in the Jordan is now poured out upon all believers. We go forth to plant the seed of his word.

The time of presence in absence is therefore the time for us to assume our own responsibility. Without taking hard and fast positions, we accept, in faith and in hope, the risk of giving new answers to life's ever-new questions. The Spirit demands that we take this risk.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/ Psalm 67/ Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/ John 14:23-29.

Monday: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Acts 16:11-15/ Psalm 149/ John 15:26-16:4a.

Tuesday: Feasts of Saints Philip and James. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/ Psalm 19/ John 14:6-14.

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/ Psalm 148/ John 16:12-15.

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/ Psalm 98/ John 16:16-20.

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Psalm 47/ John 6:20-23.

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Psalm 47/ John 16:23b-28.

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/ Luke 24:46-53.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 7th & 8th.

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 AM: Tim & Leslie Hutchison 11:00 AM: Patrick & Theresa Niedermeyer

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

Collection for Last Sunday: \$3,969.00

Catholic Home Missions \$2,253.00

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

Reflection

As the children of St. Elizabeth experience their First Holy Communion this Sunday, we should all pause and think back on that special day for us. Do you remember that day? Do you remember what Church? Do you remember the Priest? Do you remember what you wore? And more important, do you remember how you felt? As children, we probably didn't fully realize the meaning of that special day, but we did feel important and special. We knew something great was happening, because we were dressed in our best clothes, our families were taking pictures and perhaps we were given gifts and maybe even a party. We were presenting ourselves before Jesus the Lord as spotless and innocent children. And if you received your First Communion as an adult, you can remember that special moment with even greater clarity. After months of prayer and study, what joy to finally receive the Lord in full Communion with his Church.

What if we could rekindle that special feeling each time we receive Christ at Mass? Start to immerse yourself in all things Catholic. Go to Mass, go to confession, visit our Lord in Adoration, read the words of Jesus in John, chapter 6 and reflect on what Jesus said: "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life within you." What a statement! Some people just couldn't accept this and they left him. Are you leaving or are you staying?