



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 22, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends:

The celebration of my 40<sup>th</sup> ordination was beyond words. Thank you.

The gathering of people--both near and far--coming together for Liturgy and Eucharist was Holy and spectacular. The mixture of St E parishioners and friends from pre-ordination time added to the historical depth of the celebration. It was truly a celebration of my history, family, community and church sharing not only these 40 years but also celebrating my roots. Thank you to everyone for making this tremendous event come together. The amount of behind-the-scenes work it took to make this very special day will be long remembered.

And God said: "And it was good."

--- Father Jim

**UPDATE ON HOMELESS SHELTER PROJECTS:** LAST December, St. Elizabeth began providing assistance to a temporary emergency shelter in Multnomah for homeless women and couples. This project is in addition to our on-going commitment to two permanent shelters—one for men, one for women—also operated by Transition Projects. Since December 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Elizabeth's provided more than 3,200 hot meals; 2,300 sack lunches; and untold numbers of umbrellas, blankets and personal grooming kits. Financial contributions also made it possible to purchase underwear, bottled water, granola bars, coffee, tea, etc. All of this happened because of your generosity. Thanks to everyone who cooked, baked, served, packed lunches, assembled grooming kits, donated items and money. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all you've done and continue to do for our homeless brothers and sisters. God bless you all!

--Jean Horton and Maura O'Scannlain

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** An updated draft of our new Parish Directory is available for review in the back of the church. Please check it for accuracy! Also, if you'd like to place an **AD IN THE DIRECTORY**, please contact Mark Myers- [mark@myerspdx.net](mailto:mark@myerspdx.net).

**NEWS FROM ST. ALEXANDER PARISH:** A big thank you to all who contributed to the building fund, especially during the \$480,000 matching fund drive. Thanks to the generosity of St. Elizabeth parishioners, and other donations, the entire matching fund goal has been met. There is still about \$500,000 needed for completion of phase I. The building fund committee at St. Alexander has started an in-house campaign with a call for donations for pews, sound system, landscaping, altar, etc. There are envelopes and pledge/donation forms in the back of the church if you would like to help St. Alexander's reach their goal to build a much needed new church. There are also copies of the newsletter progress report in the back of the church. If you would like to receive email copies to follow the building progress, please contact Kathy Sabel, [kmsjuly4@comcast.net](mailto:kmsjuly4@comcast.net).

All liturgical celebration, indeed all Christian prayer is Trinitarian: to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. The liturgical celebration of the Holy Trinity as an "idea feast" finds its origins in the Carolingian Church of the eighth and ninth centuries. A votive Mass of the Holy Trinity proved so popular that it began to replace Sunday celebrations. In 920 the bishop of Liege composed a full Mass and Office to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The feast was established for the entire Roman church in 1334.

The smallest functional unity of human life is not the individual. Every man and woman, no matter how deformed in spirit or body, exists because he or she was born of the coming together of two human beings. No infant survives without acts of touching and feeding which are acts of human relationship. If we exist at all, we exist as the product of some form of human community.

We profess that we have been created in God's image. Our self-image is so clearly and relentlessly one of life in community that we can not help but see in the scriptures suggestions and revelations of God's own life as life for and with the other. Though we will never come to know God as God knows himself, every sign of God's action in our world leans us to him as a God in interaction.

Creation itself is God's self-expression, the extension of his love to that which is other than himself. God's ongoing dialogue with creation reaches its climax in Jesus who is God-among-us. This Jesus is taken up into the fullness of the Father's glory and the fullness of their love is poured upon us in the gift of the Spirit.

Though we falter before the complexity of centuries of theology seeking to understand the unfathomable depths of God, we resolutely form the shape of our faith by praying day after day to the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. As we mark our bodies with the cross we utter the names of the Father, Son and Spirit. So we enter into life with god through baptism. We shall enter into the fullness of that divine community through the gate of death.

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Most Holy Trinity.* Proverbs 8:22-31/ Psalm 8/ Romans 5:1-5/ John 16:12-15.  
Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9/ Psalm 111/ Mark 10:17-27.  
Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16/ Psalm 98/ Mark 10:28-31.  
Wednesday: *Saint Gregory VII, Pope.* 1 Peter 1:18-25/ Psalm 147/ Mark 10: 32-45.  
Thursday: *Saint Philip Neri, Priest.* 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12/ Psalm 100/ Mark 10:46-52.  
Friday: *St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.* 1 Peter 4:7-13/ Psalm 96/ Mark 11:11-26.  
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Psalm 63/ Mark 11:27-33.  
Next Sunday: *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ(Corpus Christi).* Genesis 14:18-20/ Psalm 110/  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26/ Luke 9:11b-17.

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 29<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 AM: Coleen & Jim Connolly      11:00 AM: Mary Ann & Kevin Billings

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

Collection for Last Sunday: \$4,812.71 Catholic Home Missions \$50.00 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.

Rev. James Martin Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

## *Reflection*

In our part of the world, we often lose focus on the balanced coexistence of the Trinity. Many times our emphasis rests on only the Father and the Son and we forget the Spirit. The Father is the eternal, the transcendent, the unknowable. The Son is the personal, the good Shepherd, and the unwavering companion. But the Holy Spirit is the verb that animates the trinity; the Spirit is life, breath and inspiration. The Spirit is comfort, joy, hope.

We need the Spirit active in the world to stir faith within us. To call us to task each day to live the faith we affirm. Throughout scripture the Spirit is the agent of God's creative and salvific activity. The Spirit swept like a wind over the waters at the onset of creation, the Spirit was the breath of life breathed into Adam, and the Spirit compelled the prophets to fulfill missions that they had almost unanimously rejected. The Spirit stirred in the womb of Mary and descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan. And days after Christ had given up his Spirit on the cross, the Spirit was poured out upon the apostles like fire and fortified them to preach the word, to travel to distant lands and to found the church.

The Spirit is the voice of God that calls us to worship. Without the Spirit we are left with a scene that is too common in this part of the world, churches with worshipers who are willing to affirm doctrine but unwilling to let their faith transform their lives. When we look to a spiritless Godhead our faith suffers because the action, the life and the passion are removed. We may come to know Christ, but we still need guidance. We need a Spirit of Life to show us the possibilities that lie ahead.

On this Trinity Sunday let us open our hearts to the movements of the Spirit that we may come to know a loving God who is deeply concerned with our hopes and fears. And let us be open to the chance that the Spirit of Life may call us to action so that we may discover a life of faith and abundance.