



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 8, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

"My dear St. Elizabethans:

I was, and still am, overwhelmed by the lovely retirement party. Thank you for your generosity and for all you do and are.

Joan"

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER JIM! Plan on joining us following the 11 AM Mass on May 15th to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Father Jim's Ordination! There will be much general merriment and a pot-luck lunch. If you'd like to contribute to the food table, there are sign-up sheets in the back of the church. We hope to see everyone there!

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 or mark@myerspdx.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. If you can't give today, take an envelope and mail it directly or return it to church next week. To donate online, please go to www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or call 503-688-2656.

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 1. 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.

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).

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 15th.

9:00 AM: Pamela & Arly Dunham

11:00 AM: Ed & Karen McGlone

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

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed, Christ is the vibrant head of the Church, which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a particularly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Ascension of the Lord.* Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/Ephesians 1:17-23/
Luke 24:46-53.
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Psalm 68/ John 16:29-33.
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalm 68/ John 17:1-11.
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalm 68/ John 17:11-19.
- Thursday: *Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs.* Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/
John 17:20-26.
- Friday: *Our Lady of Fatima.* Acts 25:13-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21: 15-19.
- Saturday: *Saint Matthias, Apostle.* Acts: 1:15-17, 20-26/ Psalm 113/ John 15:9-17.
- Next Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday.* Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/ I Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13/
John 20:19-23.

Collection for Last Sunday: \$5571.00 Simple Supper \$323.00

Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day



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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

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

To Mom:

I'm hungry...
I'm thirsty...
Where's my homework...
He hurt me...
I'm hot...
I'm cold...
Why can't we...
Can you help me...
But I need it tomorrow...
Can you drive me...
She started it...
Can I have...
But everyone else has one...
Can I watch...
Make him stop...
My stomach hurts...

To Dad:

Where's Mom?

Happy Mother's Day!