



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME BACK MSGR. DENNIS O'DONOVAN! We appreciate you spending another weekend with us. Fr. Jim returns to us next weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. ALEXANDER PARISH whose new church is being dedicated this Sunday. And thanks to all our parishioners whose generosity helped to make St Alexander's new church a reality.

The September edition of THE WORD AMONG US is available in the gathering area.

ST. E's ANNUAL END OF SUMMER PICNIC will be held on Saturday, September 16th following the 4:00 pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are out if you'd like to help with the picnic preparation. It takes a parish to pull off this event, so please lend a hand with set up, food management, clean-up, etc. Tim McCarthy's band, Seymour, will play again this year. Save the date and plan to join us! Oh, and pray for a sunny day.



RCIA and FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES ARE FORMING: If you're interested in either class, please fill out a form available on the gathering area or contact Elizabeth at office@stelizabethportland.net or 503-222-2168.

ALL SAINTS PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Reunion and picnic for all former and current parishioners and students-September 10th from 11 AM to 4 PM. Outside Mass at 11 AM followed by international food, tours of church and school, and fun and games for the kids. RSVP to 503-232-4305 or parish@allsaintsportland.com

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

St. Cecilia Parish is planning a pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from December 9 - 14, 2017. Participants will be present for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on December 12th. Price is \$2,049.00 per person and includes air fare from Portland and all meals. For more information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – September 3rd:

9:00 AM—Mary & Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM – Garth & Mary Nisbit
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement!

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!” “You are ‘Rock’ and on this rock I will build my Church.” These are two affirmations which concern the faith of every believer. There is much more here than an exchange of compliments between Jesus, the Son of Man, and Simon, the son of John.

Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about the identity of the “Son of Man.” Consonant with the popular expectation that the prophet Elijah would return to usher in the messianic Day of the Lord (Mal 3:23-24), the crowds think perhaps he is Elijah or one of the other prophets, among whom they include John the Baptist. For surely Jesus is a great prophet. He questions his followers again about their own interpretation of him. He is a prophet and more than a prophet. He does indeed usher in the messianic era because, the Church hears Peter say, he is himself the Messiah—and more than Messiah. He is “Son of the Living God.”

It is not strange that we should hear from the lips of Peter this faith expression of the newly born Church at the beginning of its history. It is upon Peter’s profession of faith the Jesus builds his Church. Through Peter, the man of first fervors, but also the disciple who would deny him, Jesus makes himself known. He charges Peter with the building up of his brothers and sisters until the coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark on the Church just as John, the mystic, or Paul, the missionary, did so in their own ways. The Church is above all the home of us poor believers, caught between faith and doubt, generosity and infidelity, but nevertheless stuttering with Peter, “I believe.”

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 22: 19-23/ Psalm 138/
Romans 11: 33-36/ Matthew 16: 13-20.
- Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8b-10/
Psalm 149/ Matthew 23: 13-22.
- Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist. 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-/ Psalm 139/
Mark 6:17-29.
- Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13/ Psalm 139/ Matthew 23: 27-32.
- Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Psalm 90/ Matthew 24: 42-51.
- Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8/ Psalm 97/ Matthew 25: 1-13.
- Saturday: Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11/ Psalm 98/
Matthew 25: 14-30.
- Next Sun: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah 20: 7-9/ Psalm 63/
Romans 12: 1-2/ Matthew 16: 21-27.

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: \$3,945.00 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.

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

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO
GOOD PEOPLE