



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 12, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



## LENT IS ONLY 2 ½ WEEKS AWAY!

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** -- March 1<sup>st</sup> -- Mass will be held at 8:30 AM - Noon - 7PM.
- ◆ Would you like to participate in a **faith sharing group** or lead a group? Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.
- ◆ Consider **joining the choir** for Holy Week – rehearsals will be held Tuesday, February 28 @ 6:30 PM and Wednesdays, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals will run from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Our annual **Lenten prayer service** followed by **soup and bread suppers** will begin Tuesday, March 7 @ 6PM and continue every Tuesday evening during Lent.
- ◆ Participate in **Rice Bowl** this Lent and encounter Jesus by raising money to aid the poor.

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – The ACA 2017 video is available for viewing in the gathering area after Mass. We are happy to continue to accept your donations during the regular offertory. Thank you!

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH will host tours of the new church this weekend after all Masses. Masses are held at 7AM (Spanish), 9AM (English), 11AM (Spanish), 1PM (Spanish), 6PM (Spanish). This is an excellent opportunity to see the progress of the construction of the new church and adjoining campus. If you cannot attend the events this weekend, you can arrange a private tour with Fr. David Schiferl by calling the parish office, 503-359-0304. Fr. David and the entire parish community at St. Alexander extend their thanks for our continued support of their building fund campaign.

CPR AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR(AED) CLASSES: Classes will be formed this week, so sign up now! If you've signed up, you will be contacted with class date and time.

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS: Collections of used umbrellas, coats, gloves, hats, scarfs, sweatshirts, sweaters, fleeces, shoes/boots, men's jeans/pants, new socks / underwear will continue through February. This is a great excuse to clean out your closets and drawers!

COLLECTIONS: Last Sunday \$6,537.00 Simple Supper: \$561.00 THANK YOU!



The New Testament is explicit: there is one Law of Christ and it is new. Far from abolishing the old Law, this Law fulfills it by emphasizing interior observance. This law calls for justice which surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees. This law is radical because the call of Jesus goes beyond the letter to a more authentic life. For Jesus, the human heart is decisive.

Hatred is prohibited: anger is the beginning of murder. Coveting another's spouse is forbidden: there are looks which are as bad as adultery. Repudiation of a spouse is not allowed: this can only come from hardness of heart. (Matt 19:8). The making of oaths, true or false, is not permitted: it is enough to be fully committed to our word.

We who believe that the gospel is not some sweet, indulgent consolation, are confronted by unprecedented demands without compromise. We could have the impression of being trapped. Why should we be surprised that there is within us as in the disciples something that is indignant, when Jesus abruptly declares that riches are an impediment to the kingdom: "Then who can be saved?" (Mark 10:26). Christian morality is impossible without the support of life in Christ, consciously lived. Without him, we can do nothing. With him, everything is possible. To put on the mind of Christ is the only way to fulfill the law in spirit and in truth.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 15:15-20/ Psalm 119/ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10/ Matthew 5:17-37  
Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25/ Psalm 50/ Mark 8:11-13.  
Tuesday: Saints Cyril and Methodius. Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/ Psalm 8/ Mark 8:14-21.  
Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/ Psalm 116/ Mark 8:22-26.  
Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13/ Psalm 102/ Mark 8:27-33.  
Friday: Genesis 11:1-9/ Psalm 33/ Mark 8:34-9:1.  
Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-7/ Psalm 145/ Mark 9:2-13.  
Next Sun: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/ Psalm 103/ 1 Corinthians 3:16-23/ Matthew 5:38-48.

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- February 19th.

9:00 AM – Pat Chandler & Wanda Halbakken 11:00 AM – Jim & Karyl Frazer

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

Happy Valentine's Day

Do something extra special for someone you love



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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.

## PARISH STAFF

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

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

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

## St. Valentine, Martyr (d. 269)

*"Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends."* John 15:13

The association of St. Valentine with pink hearts, chocolates, and the exchange of romantic cards has no intrinsic source in the character or life of the saint. The origin of "St. Valentine's Day"—a day beloved of greeting card companies—is not entirely clear, but it seems to have taken root in England, a cold country where the signs of spring are eagerly anticipated. As far back as Chaucer, it was commonly observed that birds began to pair and mate around the feast of St. Valentine during mid-February.

In any case, the Valentine whose name is oddly commemorated was apparently a Christian priest in Rome who assisted martyrs during the persecution under Emperor Claudius II. He was eventually arrested and sent before the prefect of Rome. When he refused to renounce his faith, he was beaten and beheaded.

Thus, by offering his heart, he proved himself a true devotee of the God of Love.