



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 16, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Joyful Welcome to Adelaide Alyce Brent, the newest member of our Christian community, who will be baptized at the 4PM Mass this weekend. We extend our prayers and best wishes to Adelaide and her parents, Elizabeth & Austin Brent, big sister, Verbena Sue, and big brother, Dixon Joseph! May God richly bless your family!



FIRST COMMUNION & RCIA CLASSES FORMING: Help us get an early start this year! We're signing-up children for first communion classes to begin in September and adults interested in RCIA classes in order to be initiated into the church during next year's Easter Vigil. If you're interested, please call Elizabeth at the church office.

CPR/AED CLASSES - Class is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30pm**. The Saturday class was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Classes are held at the church and are free! There are still a few openings in Wednesday's class, so sign up today!

ST. ALEXANDER UPDATE - The first Mass in St. Alexander's **BRAND NEW CHURCH** will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 27th at 11 AM**. Archbishop Sample will dedicate the new church. Plan to come and celebrate this wonderful occasion with the St. Alexander community. And a great big **THANK YOU** to all St. Elizabeth parishioners who helped to make this new church a reality.

TOILETRIES COLLECTION for Transition Projects will continue throughout the Summer months - Please bring in **NEW & UNOPENED** travel-sized bar soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, deodorants, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs. Thanks!

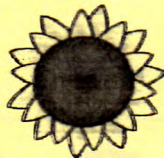
HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - July 23rd:
9:00 AM - Karl & Barbara Wetzel 11:00 AM - Ginny & Bob Caudill
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: \$5,891.00 Thank you!

In making use of parables, Jesus did not inaugurate a form of preaching new to the people of his day. The old Testament and later rabbinic literature offer many examples of this style of communication. It was the content rather than the form of Jesus' preaching that came as a surprise. He proclaimed with authority the proximity of the kingdom of heaven and therefore the need to be converted to the Lord.

Jesus does not use parables simply for the sake of adopting common parlance. Yet the images he employs do enable us to hear the message, seize its meaning, and become involved in it. Each evangelist explains in his own way the reason for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, ready to translate the word into action despite opposition and apparent defeat.

At certain times, everything seems to conspire to prevent us from hearing the gospel and believing in its future. For two thousand years the sower has gone out to sow and we are sometimes tempted to ask what this sowing has accomplished. Our proper response to the prodigal lavishness of God should consist in seizing the word heard and allowing it to seize us that it may bear fruit.



LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 65/
Romans 8:18-23/ Matthew 13:1-23.
- Monday: Exodus 1:8-14,22/ Psalm 124/Matthew 10:34-11:1.
- Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a/ Psalm 69/ Matthew 11:20-24.
- Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6,9-12/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:25-27.
- Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 11:28-30.
- Friday: Exodus 11:10-12:14/ Psalm 116/ Matthew 12:1-8.
- Saturday: *Saint Mary Magdalene.* Song of Songs 3:1-4b/ Psalm 63/
John 20:1-2, 11-18.
- Next Sun: *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Psalm 86/
Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43.

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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.

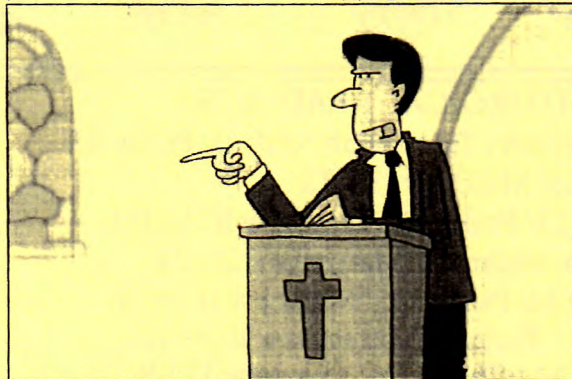
PARISH STAFF

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

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant

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

A little levity following a hard week --



WELL I'VE SAID QUITE ABOUT ENOUGH
ABOUT MY THOUGHTS ... I'D LOVE TO
HEAR WHAT YOU ALL HAVE TO THINK

Hmmm . . . sound like anyone we know?