



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY IS FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets are out for Simple Supper and the food pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish. Thank you!

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who has pledged or donated to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. We will continue to collect your pledge cards in the regular collection baskets. Envelopes are available in the by the front doors. We'd love to have 100 percent participation from St. Elizabeth's to show our support for our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. Thank you!

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING is starting this week. We'll have groups meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00pm and 4:30pm before our Lenten Prayer Service. We'd like to form a third group to meet another day after morning Mass, but need a group facilitator. If you can help, please contact Fr. Jim or the church office. Our small groups will reflect and meditate on the Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis. Books will be available to all who join and there is a guide book for group leaders.

OUR FIRST LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE /SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS is this Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00 PM. Services and dinners will be held each Tuesday through April 4th. We hope that everyone can enjoy at least one of our Tuesday night gatherings during Lent. Mark your calendars! Sign-up sheets for next Tuesday are in the gathering area.

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Wednesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5.
Tuesday April 11. All practices run from 6:30-8:30 pm.



RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING LENT

March 8	Wednesday	7PM	Resurrection in Tualatin
March 18	Saturday	10AM	Sacred Heart in SE Portland
March 22	Wednesday	7PM	St. Francis in Sherwood
March 22	Wednesday	7PM	Holy Family in SE Portland
March 25	Saturday	10AM	St Elizabeth – here!
March 25	Saturday	10AM	Our Lady of the Lake in L.O.
March 28	Tuesday	7PM	St Anthony in Tigard
March 30	Thursday	7PM	St. Clare in SW Portland
April 5	Wednesday	7PM	St. John Fisher in SW Pdx
April 5	Wednesday	7PM	St. Cyril in Wilsonville
April 11	Tuesday	7PM	Our Lady of the Lake in L.O.

We begin the forty-day Lenten journey in the desert where the new Adam becomes freer as the conscience becomes sharper. United with all who are suffering from famine and oppression, Jesus, the new Moses, relives the forty years of Israel's struggle in the solitude of the exodus. Through the descriptive narration of this ordeal, the evangelists suggest that Jesus, true God and true man, was tempted by Satan throughout his life.

Jesus' mission is the focus of his adversary's attack. Would he be able to accept being poor, ignored and weak? Would he be able to refrain from selling short the reality of his incarnation by using miracles, force and seduction as if he were superhuman? Would he be the Servant-Son according to the heart of God, or Prometheus, relying upon his own power to steal fire from heaven? Every time Jesus felt in his heart the temptation to be a worldly messiah, he rejected it, relying solely on the word of God. He fled the crowds who clamored for his marvels and wished to make him king. He rebuked Peter who came between him and the way to his passion. Jesus wished to drink the bitter cup of his death, not to save himself once he was nailed upon the cross.

This stands as a strong judgment against many of our choices, our appetite for consumerism, our solicitation of profit and our unbridled ambition. How can we set up priorities at the beginning of Lent without contemplating Jesus who is turned toward the one source of all his actions, the word of God?

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Lent. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Psalm 51/ Romans 5:12-19/
Matthew 4:1-11.

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46.

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15.

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32.

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12.

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26.

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48.

Next Sun: Second Sunday of Lent. Genesis 12:1-4a/ Psalm 33/ 2 Timothy 1:8b-10/
Matthew 17:1-9.

Last Weekend's Collection: \$4,009.00. Thank You!

Hospitality Next Weekend:

Saturday March 11th Wine & Cheese - Barbara & Worth Caldwell
9:00AM - Liam & Antoinette Roberts 11:00AM - Patti & Bill Bucher

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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.

PARISH STAFF

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

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

10 THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT THAT AREN'T CHOCOLATE *

1. Fear: God is on my side. In Him I am more than a conqueror (See Romans 98).
2. Envy: I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
3. Excuses: A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
4. Sense of Entitlement: The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
5. Bitterness and Resentment: The only person I am hurting by holding onto these feelings is myself.
6. Doubt: Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine.
7. Retirement: As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. That does not end until the day you die.
8. Fear of failure: You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
9. Worry: God is in control and worrying will not help. You can't give your problems over to God in prayer only to yank them back to yourself by worrying.
10. Apathy: Life is too short not to care.

* Adapted from "40 Things to Give up for Lent: The List" by Rev. Phil Ressler at www.greaterthings.today. To find the full list and a link to Ressler's book, "40 Things to Give up for Lent and Beyond," visit <https://www.greaterthings.today/40-things-to-give-up-for-lent-the-list/>.