

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME BACK Fr. JIM! WE MISSED YOU! And special thanks to everyone who helped keep the church running smoothly during Fr. Jim's vacation.

A Joyful Welcome to Michael Martin Douglas Keller, the newest member of our Christian Community, who will be baptized at the 4 PM Mass this Saturday. We extend our prayers and best wishes to Michael and his parents Daniel and Emily Keller.!



<u>TODAY IS FOOD SUNDAY!</u> Baskets are out for Simple Supper and the Food Bank at Immaculate Heart Parish. Please give generously!

<u>DONATIONS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS</u> – The Archdiocese of Portland has authorized a second collection this weekend and next to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Funds raised will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support for impacted dioceses. Please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church and we will remit a single check for the total amount raised to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity!

INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTING IN THE RECOVERY EFFORT IN TEXAS is posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Please take a look and give what you can to help the flood victims.

<u>ST. ALEXANDER'S</u> dedication celebration took place last weekend! Our thanks to all St. E parishioners who supported this project with their prayers, love and generosity. Thanks to the efforts and generosity of so many wonderful people, St. Alexander's beautiful new church home is finally a reality.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - September 9th & 10th:
Saturday Wine & Cheese - Alice Herrell & Karen Lajoy
9:00 AM - The Sharons (Hunt & Finley) 11:00 AM - The O'Scannlains
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement!

In the narrative of the profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, the principal figure is Peter rather than Jesus. The next episode in the gospel confirms this impression. Just as we were impressed with Peter's walk on the water, here we are equally impressed by the juxtaposition of his faith with his lack of faith.

Peter has just acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. But he sees messiahship as the glory of a royal triumph. The master however, presents himself as the suffering servant of Isaiah who will redeem his people through his passion, death, and resurrection. The disciples understand what it means to be put to death, but they do not comprehend the meaning of "raised up." Therefore, the impulsive Peter, brought to this point by his unenlightened love, revolts against the apparent cruelty of the divine plan. Suddenly, he reverses his position. He to whom Jesus has just said: "Happy are you" after his profession of faith, is now chided sharply: "Get out of my sight, you Satan!" The "Rock" who was strong enough to have the Church built upon him, is now the obstacle, the "rock of scandal" along the Messiah's route. Jesus had said: "It is my Father in heaven who has revealed this to you," and now he affirms: "You are not judging by God's standards."

"Get out of my sight" may be interpreted by each Christian as: "Go behind me to follow me. You are only a disciple and every disciple must follow the master." The Christian can no more escape the cross of salvation than could the Christ.

Truly God's standards are not ours.

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

ST. E's ANNUAL END OF SUMMER PICNIC is only two weeks away! Saturday, September 16th following the 4:00 pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are out if you'd like to help with the picnic preparation (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!

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: \$4,286.00 Thank you!



HAPPY LABOR DAY! Enjoy the holiday weekend.

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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 -- 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.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah 20: 7-9/ Psalm 63/

Romans 12: 1-2/ Matthew 16: 21-27.

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18/ Psalm 96/ Luke 4: 16-30.

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Psalm 27/ Luke 4:31-37.

Wednesday: Colossians 1: 1-8/ Psalm 52/ Luke 4: 38-44. Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14/ Psalm 98/ Luke 5: 1-11.

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 13/

Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-2325: 1-13.

Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest. Colossians 1: 21-23/ Psalm 54/ Luke 6: 1-5.

Next Sun: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel 33: 7-9/ Psalm 95/

Romans 13: 8-10/ Matthew 18: 15-20.