



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018

ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Fr. JIM
42nd Anniversary of your Ordination
May 15, 2018.



We are BLESSED to have you as our Priest and Friend!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN- Whether it's a program serving the homeless in Portland, reuniting broken families in Salem, helping pregnant mothers living in poverty get back on their feet in Eugene, protecting the dignity of refugees and immigrants statewide, or providing emergency assistance to thousands in Western Oregon, Catholic Charities is there. Your generosity allows Catholic charities to provide meaningful help to the most vulnerable in our community. **Envelopes are available in the pews. Please mail your gift directly to Catholic Charities or return it to church next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO JASLYN REED who served as Teacher's Assistant and helper extraordinaire in the First Communion class this year. Jaslyn was present each and every Sunday helping Sharon and keeping the kids focused. Thanks for your help, Jaslyn!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be held this year at our Catholic Cemeteries: Archbishop Sample will officiate at Mt. Calvary & Bishop Peter Smith will officiate at Gethsemani. Both services will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10 a.m.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: *Everyone Comes From Somewhere*

Support Catholic Charities' work providing life-changing services to immigrant and refugee communities in Oregon. **Fundraising Brunch * Sunday, June 3, 2018** at the Castaway Portland * 1900 NW 18th Avenue * Tickets available at www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$5,796 Catholic Home Missions: \$2,421 (total to date) Thank You!

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates to the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is always with us. Indeed, Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus, this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Ascension of the Lord.* Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/Ephesians 1:17-23/
Mark 16:15-20.

Monday: *St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast).* Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26/ Psalm 113/ John 15:9-17.

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalm 68/ John 17: 1-11a.

Wednesday: Acts 20: 28-38/ Psalm 68/ John 17: 11b-19.

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/ John 17:20-26.

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21:15-19.

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalm 11/ John 21:20-25.

Next Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday.* Genesis 11:1-9/ Psalm 104/ Romans 8:22-27/
John 7: 37-39.

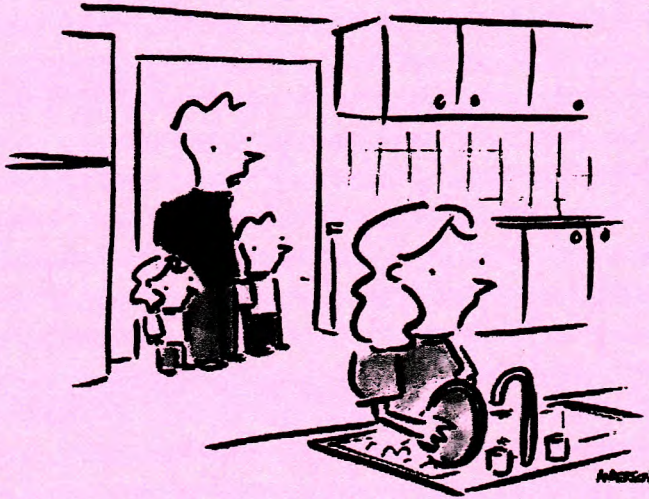
HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 20th :

9:00 AM – The Sharons (Hunt & Finley)

11:00 AM – Vicki Grorud & Mary Gabelsberger

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

Happy Mother's Day



"Hey hon, when you have a second we all need something at the exact same time."

MUSINGS ON MOTHERHOOD:

Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had.

I used to have functioning brain cells, but I traded them in for children.

Youth fades; love droops; the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.

Waking your kids up for school the first day after a break is almost as much fun as birthing them was.

The quickest way for a mom to get her child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

Nothing is really lost until mom can't find it.

Mom: a title just above queen.

