



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – This Weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. The ACA provides substantial financial support to essential ministries that support parishes in our Catholic church in western Oregon. These programs provide education and faith formation at all levels and provide a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail feel free to drop it in the collection basket over the next few weeks. If you haven't received a commitment envelope, we have them available in the gathering area. Thank you for supporting our Catholic church in Western Oregon.

LENT IS ONLY TWO AND A HALF WEEKS AWAY!

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** – February 26st --Mass will be held at **8:30 AM - Noon - 7PM**.
- ◆ **Consider joining the choir** for Holy Week – rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, February 25 through April 7 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- ◆ Our annual **Lenten prayer service** followed by **soup and bread suppers** will begin Tuesday, March 4 @ 6PM and continue every Tuesday evening during Lent.
- ◆ Participate in **Rice Bowl** this Lent and encounter Jesus by raising money to aid the poor.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 23rd ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF HOPE: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Plan on attending one of Portland's premier social events honoring the transformative work Catholic Charities does every day to help more than 20,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors each year, thanks to you. Tickets and more information available at catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY invites you to an afternoon of great desserts, games and fellowship in their beautiful new Fellowship Hall. Join them on February 12th at 1:00pm. Only \$3.00 buys delicious desserts, fun games and door prizes. February 12th at 1:00pm; 3850 SE 11th Avenue.

MARRIAGE DAY RETREAT – A day retreat to focus on your relationship with God and your spouse, to grow in love and to get inspired and encouraged for the great marriage journey ahead of you. Saturday, February 15, 9:30am to 5:00 pm or Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm at St. Benedict Guesthouse & Retreat Center, Mt. Angel Abbey. Call 503-845-2208 or adminoffice@fbyc.info for more information.

Today's gospel complements the previous account of the beatitudes. "Happy are you!" declared Jesus to those to whom he announced persecution. Today he reveals who they are. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The images must be explored. The scriptures prescribed the use of salt, a covenant sign, on the offerings made to God. (Lev. 2:13, Num. 18:19). Salt was also considered a fertilizer. For Israel, light was a symbol of messianic revelation triumphing over the darkness of paganism.

We must live, then as salt for the earth and light for the world. The prophet Isaiah points the way. If we pursue justice for the oppressed and care for those in need, we will be true to our mission to preserve, to nurture and to enlighten all humanity. Through our lives, Jesus Christ, the true light of the world, will shine on the darkness, a darkness that will not overcome it (John 1:5).

SOLO SENIORS - Are you single and over 55? Solo Seniors is a Catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 55 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information, a Solo brochure or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Ann Buchholz at 503-235-9047.



Happy Valentine's Day

Do something extra special for someone you love.

(Or, better yet, for someone you don't particularly like and turn a relationship around)



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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.

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COLLECTION: Last Sunday \$5,439.00

Catholic Communications Collection: \$866.00 Total do date. THANK YOU!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- February 8th- 9th:

9:00 AM – Pamela & Arly Dunham 11:00 AM – Kathy & Rich Sabel

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

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 58:7-10/ Psalm 112/
1 Corinthians 2:1-5/ Matthew 5:13-16.
- Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial). 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/ Psalm 132/
Mark 6:53-56.
- Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/ Psalm 84/ Mark 7:1-13.
- Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10/ Psalm 37/ Mark 7:14-23.
- Thursday: 1 Kings 1:4-13/ Psalm 106/ Mark 7:24-30.
- Friday: St. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishops (Memorial). 1 Kings 11:29-32;
12:19/Psalm 81/ Mark 7:31-37.
- Saturday: 1 King 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Psalm 106/ Mark 8:1-10.
- Next Sun: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 15:15-20/ Psalm 119/
1 Corinthians 2:6-10/ Matthew 5:17-37.