



"I am the gate for the sheep."

May 15, 2011

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Congratulations to
John Morgan Bozich, Keenan Cole, Ben Eilers, Grace Engel, Mac Elske,
Jamie Gresbrink, Eimhin Heenan-Roberts, Josie Napoli,
Zachary Nye, Jonas Schwab, and Jordan Taft,
who will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Eucharist
for the first time this Sunday at the 11:00 Mass.
Please keep them in your prayers.



Thank you, Mary Nisbet and Patti Heneghan and parent volunteers who prepared the children for their First Communion.



Let's Celebrate!

**Fr. Jim's 35th Anniversary of Ordination
Next Sunday at 3:00 PM
At St. Elizabeth's
Please bring an Hors d'Oeuvre
Beverages provided**

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund important pastoral works including lay ministry training. Home mission dioceses rely on lay ministers, because parishes are often hundreds of miles apart and priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.

THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26 at The Resort at the Mountain, Welches, OR. Look for registration forms in the back of the church, or you may contact Greg Kaminski for more information at gm.kaminski@frontier.com, or 503-524-3837.

The image of the good shepherd has nothing to do with saccharine sentimentality. Shepherds were important figures in the Palestinian landscape. They bore total responsibility for the flocks on which their people depended. They saw to it that the sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals safe from wild predators and human marauders, sometimes at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder that the people of the Old Testament cast God himself in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protector of the flock of Israel.

The Church found the perfect fulfillment of this image in the risen Christ, who had laid down his own life to become the very source of life for his people. He nourishes his flock with the word and the bread of life. In the mixed metaphors of today's gospel, he is the gate through which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil.

In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word used is episkopos, more commonly translated "bishop." Although Christ is no longer visibly present to us as he was to his first hearers, he continues to nourish and to preserve his people through the Church's ministers. On Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 4th Sunday of Easter. Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ Psalm 23/ 1 Peter 2:20b-25/
John 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalm 42 and 43/ John 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalm 87/ John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 through 13:5a/ Psalm 67/ John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Psalm 89/ John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalm 2/ John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalm 98/ John 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Acts 6:1-7/ Psalm 33/ 1 Peter 2:4-9/ John 14:1-12

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES SCHEDULED Archbishop John G. Vlazny will celebrate Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery (333 SW Skyline Blvd.) in Portland on Memorial Day, Monday May 30 at 10:00 am. Monsignor Dennis O'Donovan, Vicar General, will celebrate a Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 30 at 10:00 am at Gethsemani Cemetery (11666 SE Stevens Road) in Happy Valley. All are invited to attend to pray for loved ones who have died.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,668.00 Thank you.

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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., Administrator

Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

Family Faith Sharing Questions

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:1-10

In this passage from the Book of John, Jesus talks about how a shepherd takes care of his sheep – letting his sheep into a sheepfold through a gate, and keeping them safe there. This is what is called a metaphor. For while Jesus is talking about the relationship between sheep and shepherds, he is also talking about the relationship between himself and his disciples – that is, between himself and *US*. He is like a shepherd and we are like his sheep – when we follow him, He cares for us and keeps us safe.

In what ways is Jesus a shepherd in your life?

Who are the other "good shepherds" in your life?

How are you a "good shepherd" to other people?