



We thank you, God for all your gifts,
even for ashes, still witnesses of life that was.
Yours is the Spirit that puts flesh on dry bones
and animates what is without you lifeless.
As we begin the Lenten journey,
let us be as Jesus' death on the cross,
let us be as these ashes from which only you can bring life.
Let this season be an experience of big and little deaths for us,
deaths that usher in your kingdom and your reign,
deaths that open heaven and that make this world your sovereign
place.
Bless the ashes left by our wars, our violence and our oppression,
by our hates and sins and crimes and neglects,
by our racism, our waste, our pollution, our terrible inequities.
Bless them with a grace that stirs new life,
and let your Spirit blow into them a fire that warms the world.
Let life come to us through these ashes,
as life floods the world through the cross of Jesus Christ.
Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.
Amen.

From Ashes to Easter
Liturgical Conference, Inc. 1974

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 10, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13. Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2013 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$18,542. If you have not already done so please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our Catholic Church in Western Oregon. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church here in western Oregon.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST groups will begin their once-a-week Lenten meetings this week to pray, study, reflect, and share thoughts and experiences. If you have not yet been called by your Small Group Leader for time and location, please call the parish office.

CRS RICE BOWL – Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the poor on an international scale, but also by serving our neighbors right here in Western Oregon. Twenty-five percent of Rice Bowl proceeds remain here in our community to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience.

LENTEN PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the back of the church. Please take only what you will use.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - On Tuesdays of Lent, beginning February 19, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. **We need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up if you can help and/or if you will bring soup or bread.**

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICE - If you can sing or play an instrument, please consider joining our choir. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

Choir Practice Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 12	6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
Tuesdays, Feb. 19 through Mar. 19 following Soup & Bread Suppers	7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 26	6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF HOPE will take place March 16th at the Oregon Convention Center. Presented by Providence Health & Services, the event is an opportunity to celebrate and support the wonderful work of Catholic Charities. The Celebration features cocktails, dinner and dancing to live music. All net proceeds go towards the organization's work with the poor and most vulnerable in our diocese.

Learn more at www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/annualcelebration2013.asp or call 503.688.2628.

Two boats move slowly toward shore, laden with freshly caught fish. At the end of a fruitless night, the disciples had taken in an exceptional catch. This augurs well for the future which the Lord announces to these potential fishers of humanity who are ready to leave everything to follow him.

It is not without reason that Luke has grouped together the call of the first disciples and the episode of the miraculous catch. Under his pen the past of Jesus' ministry and the present of the Church's mission run together. The primitive community, born at Pentecost, pursues the proclamation of the gospel. The risen One continues his preaching through the voice of those whom he has chosen. The result is like an abundant catch of fish.

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets!" If Jesus sends his followers to fish for people, it is because they themselves have been caught in the net of his word. They must therefore set out on the adventure of faith, accept the risk of casting off, leave the security of a sheltered port to go beyond what is foreseeable and reasonable wherever the Spirit blows. After having been fish, they must become fishers in their turn, without fear of suffering. True apostles, they must be ready to signal their companions in the other boat to come to their aid. In these times of crisis when there is a great temptation to hold onto everything we believe to be in danger, faith must more than ever be a daring putting out into deep water.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Psalm 138/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Luke 5:1-11
Monday:	Genesis 1:1-19/ Psalm 104/ Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Genesis 1:20 through 2:4a/ Psalm 8/ Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday:	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Joel 2:12-18/ Psalm 51/ 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalm 1/ Luke 9:22-25
Friday:	Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday:	Isaiah 58:9b-14/ Psalm 86/ Luke 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	<i>First Sunday of Lent.</i> Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Psalm 91/ Romans 10:8-13/ Luke 4:13

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Kay and Jim Armstrong

9:00 AM: Eileen and Perry Broughton 11:00 AM: Julie and Lee Steiner

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,323.50

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$320.20

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$50.00 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., Pastor

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

Reflection

Luke 5:4-10

In the face of God's holiness, we can often see, like Peter, the long way we have to go in our holiness. The moment of the fear of God is a moment of awe and humility, recognizing God's power, love, and grace, all the while becoming aware of our human weakness and limitations. It is an honest and inspiring moment of conversion, inviting us into God's holy presence, no matter the distance we find ourselves from it.

