



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**February 17, 2013**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**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.

**A FUNDRAISER FOR TRANSITION PROJECTS.** Each month, St. Elizabeth's provides approximately 350 meals for residents of two homeless shelters operated by Transition Projects. On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Transition Projects is hosting "Soup for the Soul," a fundraiser benefitting the multiple programs they provide to residents of the shelter and to the larger homeless community in Portland. Some of Portland's top chefs will be preparing the food. Tickets are available exclusively online at [www.soupforthesoulpdx.com](http://www.soupforthesoulpdx.com). Please see the poster in the lobby/vestibule for additional information, including a listing of the featured chefs.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** – Both the staff and women of Jean's Place have sent lovely thank you notes to St. Elizabeth's which are posted on the bulletin board. We too are grateful for our volunteers who have been serving the homeless for so many years.

**CRS RICE BOWL** – Our parish is 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.**

#### **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/annualcelebration2013.asp) or call 503.688.2628.

We move through life on a journey. We begin in one place. We move to another. We work at one job. We start another. Children are born. New families begin. Children grow and begin their own journeys. Our life's journey is filled with joy and sorrow, love and pain, frustration and peace. But there is another dimension to our life's journey: our journey toward God. The saints and mystics have called this the interior journey. It is our movement toward God, who transcends all of life.

In Lent we celebrate God's yearly call to go out again on a journey. This annual interior journey is meant to unsettle us, lead us forward, break up our daily routine. It is the call from God for this community to come from exile and go into the desert at the prompting of the Spirit, there to be tried and tested. It is the call from Jesus, who said of himself, I am the way.

This is a journey with God and toward God as it was for the Israelites and for Jesus. Abraham, "the wandering Aramean," journeyed into the unknown. We are all wandering Arameans as we journey out our lives toward the promised resurrection purchased by him who has gone before us. . . .

Today we celebrate the election of those who wish to be initiated into the Christian community at the Easter Vigil. These catechumens are on their journey with the community during this Lenten season. The catechumens move forward step by step toward the sacraments that mark the beginning of new life in Christ. They make their intention known to the church and are received into the household of Christ.

(From Ashes to Easter, The Liturgical Conference, 1979, pp. 74, 77)

### LITURGICAL READINGS

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| Today:       | <i>First Sunday of Lent.</i> Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Psalm 91/<br>Romans 10:8-13/ Luke 4:1-13                    |
| Monday:      | Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46   |
| Tuesday:     | Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15   |
| Wednesday:   | Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32   |
| Thursday:    | Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12  |
| Friday:      | <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle.</i> 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 16:13-19                          |
| Saturday:    | Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48  |
| Next Sunday: | <i>Second Sunday of Lent.</i> Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Psalm 27/<br>Philippians 3:17through 4:1/ Luke 9:28b-36 |

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Colleen & Jim Connolly      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: \$4,255.25

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$25.00 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.

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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

During the 40 days Jesus spends in the wilderness, he undergoes thorough temptation. As his body is craving food, he is tempted to create loaves of bread and escape the spiritual discipline of fasting. As his mind prepares for his public ministry, he is tempted to seize great power in a worldly way, instead of the simple life of preaching, teaching, service, and sacrifice ahead of him. Finally, his spirit is tempted to test God to ascertain if God will be there for him through Calvary. Like us in every way but sin, Jesus's temptations grew out of the fears he may have had about carrying out his calling. Yet his trust in God was greater. What are your greatest fears? Take these in prayer to God as you entrust yourself to God's care.