



LOOK UP INTO THE SKY AND *
COUNT THE STARS IF YOU CAN. SO
MANY SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS
BE • GENESIS 15 :5 * * * * *

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 24, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – Thank you to all who have pledged or made a gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church here in western Oregon. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to this campaign.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Skip King and Emily Sallee, who will be received into the Church at St. Elizabeth's at Easter, and for those who will be baptized, confirmed and received in all of our churches this season. Let us also pray for each other in anticipating the renewal of our baptismal promises.

LENTEN PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the back of the church.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS

On Tuesdays of Lent, 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.**



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.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Holy Week is held Tuesdays from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm through March 19 following Soup & Bread Suppers. The last practice will be held Tuesday, March 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

HAVE YOU POSSIBLY BORROWED a table or chairs from St. Elizabeth's and forgotten to return them?

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope.

The transfigured Jesus, however, models not only the goal of the Christian but also our ongoing life. The passage forms a fitting climax to the instruction on discipleship which immediately precedes it (Luke 9:23-27). First of all, Luke emphasizes that Jesus' transfiguration took place "while he was praying," an action integral to Christian life (cf. Luke 18: 1). Secondly, he speaks with Moses and Elijah concerning his exodus, his transit to the Father through death, resurrection, and exaltation, which is announced in the first passion prediction (Luke 9:22). The disciples also are called to take up the cross and follow Jesus in order to arrive at life. Then they will see the glory of the Son of Man and of the Father (9:23-27). This appearance is a foretaste of that glory. Finally, at the transfiguration the voice from the cloud, heard at Jesus' baptism, is heard again, this time commanding, "Listen to him." The disciples are those who "listen to the word of God and keep it."

Thus we see the transfigured Jesus both the goal and the way. We must not confuse the one for the other. The transfiguration marks only a temporary halt in the journey to Jerusalem, only a pause in this exodus. We who follow Jesus must continue to the end, strengthened by the glorious hope to which we are called.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Second Sunday of Lent.</u> Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Psalm 27/ Philippians 3:17through 4:1/ Luke 9:28b-36
Monday:	Daniel 9:4b-10/ Psalm 79/ Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31
Friday:	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 103/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	<u>Third Sunday of Lent.</u> Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/ Psalm 103/ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12// Luke 13-1-9

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Jim and Becky Wright

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,037.00

ASH WEDNESDAY (To be given to Rice Bowl): \$634.40 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

Hearing God's Word is not just a matter of getting to church, unplugging our mobile devices, and following the liturgy. Although such steps may be part of the experience, "*hearing*" is of course much more than this. It is not even a matter of studying the Bible and knowing many things about Sacred Scripture, although this too is good and important. Hearing God's Word is, rather, a matter of receiving "the Word of life" ((1 John 1:1) passed on to us as believers from others who have also believed. It means inviting the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to hear the Scriptures, so that the Word can shape our lives and draw us closer to God.