



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 3, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Masses 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 – Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2013 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. During Mass we will watch a video from Archbishop Vlazny about the Appeal. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail please bring it to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church in western Oregon. If you did not receive a commitment card in the mail, pledge envelopes will be available during Mass.

This next week, please read the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal materials you received in the Parish Bulletin today and prayerfully reflect on the level of commitment you will make next weekend.

The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 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. When we stop to count our abundant blessings, we are aware of how truly blessed we are. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is an invitation to share your blessings and support for the Gospel mission here in Western Oregon. A significant pledge to this appeal is a sign that you are a part of the holy people who follow in the footsteps of the faithful throughout this history of scripture. Your pledge is also a sign of your gratitude for God's generous abundance. While we can never out-do God in generosity, we are called to join in the mission of the Gospel as we pour forth the gifts of life, goodness, and grace through the sharing of our own blessings from God.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST - Three Faith Sharing Small Groups are being offered during Lent, and we welcome you to participate. A table has been set up in the back of the church for you to sign up or ask questions about the program. *Living the Eucharist* groups will meet once a week during Lent to pray, study, reflect, and share thoughts and experiences. For more information, please call Patty Frahler at 503-245-1530 or the parish office.

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. **The kitchen is a great place to become better acquainted with fellow parishioners!**

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

February 5 th and 12 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
February 19 th , 26 th , March 5 th , 12 th & 19 th	7:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m. (After Prayer Service/Soup & Bread Supper)
March 26 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

What kind of a person is a prophet? He is an outcast, a hybrid, an unclubbable individualist. The central example is Christ, the prophet of the kingdom, who was called "Rabbi" but was not a scribe; who was a workman, but taught as if he had been a Rabbi; who was not a priest, or a politician, who was in fact quite unclassifiable, and for that reason a menace to anyone interested in maintaining Law and order. Even his origin is presented as uncertain, as if to emphasize his out-law condition.

What kind of person is a prophet, in himself? Just as the position of the prophet in the social order is impossible to pin down, so also prophets as people don't conform to type. There are clever ones and very simple ones, rugged types like Amos, poets like Isaiah, gentle, gay ones like Francis of Assisi and stern, ruthless ones like John the Baptist. The only thing prophets have in common is that they have been sent, and the mission on which they are sent is not theirs, nor is the power theirs that gives them strength and patience and courage and makes them indifferent to the opinions of other people – not because they are sure they are right, but because only the message matters, and rightness and wrongness, as the world judges these things, are irrelevant. They do not require the vindication of being heard or carrying it out, though they grieve because men cannot hear the voice that they hear, as Christ wept for his beloved City, doomed because she would not hear his word.

(Rosemary Haughton, *The Transformation of Man*, Templegate, 1967, pp. 128-129)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/ Psalm 71/
1 Corinthians 12:31---13:13/ Luke 4:21-30

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40/ Psalm 31:20-24/ Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: St. Agatha, Hebrews 12:1-4/ Psalm 22/ Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Saint Paul Miki and companions, Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/ Psalm 103/
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/ Psalm 48/ Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8/ Psalm 27/ Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/ Psalm 23/ Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Psalm 138/
1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Luke 5:1-11

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Barbara and Karl Wetzell

11:00 AM: Pat and Corky Flack

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,238.26

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$95.00 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

Why does it seem that no prophet is accepted in his native place? A person's past may color our ability to hear God's Word. We know a person too well to allow the speaking of God's truth. At the same time, the joy and hope of the Gospel outshines the imperfections of those who proclaim it. The proclamation of the Gospel is a testimony of God's grace working in our lives. It is a sign of the transformation of the brokenness of our world to the Kingdom of God. Familiar prophets are witnesses of God's healing grace transforming people into witnesses of the Gospel.

