



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 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. Cards are available in the back of the church.

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 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. Visit www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/annualcelebration2013.asp or call 503.688.2628.

AN EMBER DAY will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 6 in this archdiocese. It is a day set aside for voluntary prayer and fasting.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death, divorce or permanent separation? A grief recovery Weekend will be held the weekend of March 15-17 in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by March 11 is recommended.)

The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangements may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available.

Please contact JoAnne by phone or email: 503-476-4796; joanne.paxton@gmail.com
Additional information may be found on the website of International Beginning Experience at www.beginningexperience.org

Every day the press reports murders, accidents, front-page catastrophes. Jesus alludes to two public misfortunes from the news of his time. He does not refer to them in the manner of those retreat preachers who are only too happy to exploit a parish tragedy to urge people into the confessional. That is not Jesus' style. He does not consider violent deaths as divine punishments for sin. Rather, because he detects in his contemporaries a smug complacency, he warns them. They run the risk of being hardened to the urgency of conversion.

Even if each of us is like a tree which for many years has given ample proof of its sterility, God is like that patient farmer who gives his fig tree another chance. This opportunity lasts until the Lord's return. It is highlighted by this annual season of repentance.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Third Sunday of Lent. Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/ Psalm 103/
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/ Luke 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b/ Psalm 42 and 43/ Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Psalm 95/ Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 81/ Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalm 51/ Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent. Joshua 5:9a, 10-12/ Psalm 34/
2 Corinthians 5:17-21/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Gina Bainbridge and Sharon Hunt 11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,846.50 Thank you.

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



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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

The Holy Spirit leads us and empowers us to bear good fruit as we work for the Kingdom of God. We must always remember that God accompanies us as we proclaim the Kingdom. It is our responsibility to cooperate with the grace that God freely offers to us. Lent is tilled ground, cultivated by God's nurture through spiritual disciplines, inviting us to come to new life at Easter.

