



EASTER SUNDAY
March 31, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



Happy Easter!

*Let the heavens be glad
and the earth rejoice.*

Psaln 96:11



CONGRATULATIONS to Skip King, who received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and to Emily Sallee, who was received into the Church and received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to all who helped make Lent and Holy Week such a success! The choir, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers, decorators, hospitality group, and all who took part in the soup and bread suppers, especially the cooks and other helpers who have all contributed to a memorable celebration of Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord.

*Thanks much,
Fr. Jim*

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL – Thank you to all who have participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Please return your Rice Bowls to the basket in the back of the Church.



THE EASTER EDITION OF THE WORD AMONG US is available in the back of the church. It contains the Mass readings from Easter through Pentecost, May 19, along with daily meditations.

When Christians are asked the meaning of Easter, they refer to the resurrection of Jesus. It is the day for telling the wondrous story: Mary Magdalene saw the stone moved away, Peter went in and saw the wrappings on the ground, and the beloved disciple saw and believed. The faith of contemporary believers builds on their testimony. It is our festival of life, for the boldness of God's love snatched victory from the jaws of death. Our memories and rituals unite us with that event which was so disconcerting, marvelous, and liberating.

Sunday after Sunday, and especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once-upon-a-time event. We bless and share a meal that shapes us as the Body of Christ. We sing alleluias and say the good news still takes flesh in our world. We color eggs and enjoy feasts without need of a rational explanation. The pull to dress finely may be marred by commercialism or a drive for status, but we know our winter has passed and new life is here. In these and in so many other ethnic customs, we renew life just as we renew our baptismal commitment. More correctly, we rest in awe before the One who renews life and provides the possibility of commitment.

The reading from Colossians highlights still another dimension of this day. Implicit within all these celebrations, there is a sense of future. We can be intent on "things above rather than on things of earth." Easter is a promise of the endtime. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord.</u> Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Psalm 118/ Colossians 3: 1-4/ John 20:1-9
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-32/ Psalm 16/ Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/ Psalm 33/ John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/ Psalm 105/ Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/ Psalm 8/ Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/ Psalm 118/ John 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/ Psalm 118/ Mark 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	<u>Second Sunday of Easter.</u> Acts 5:12-16/ Psalm 118/ Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ John 20:19-31

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Liam and Antoinette Roberts 11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,807.35 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

Do you thank that Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were wrestling with fear and hope, fearing to see a desecrated tomb, and yet hoping that Jesus was alive after all? None of the three knew how to make sense of it as they deferred to each other. Just as with us, these first Christians came to understand the depths of the Paschal Mystery gradually.

