



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 23, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	April 17	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	April 18	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	April 19	9:00 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	April 20	9:00 and 11:00 AM

On Holy Saturday, there will be no 4:00 PM Mass or 3:00 PM Confessions. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there will be Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM in place of Mass.

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE! – Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE 9:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS when we will continue our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection by breaking bread and sharing food in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if you can help as the **coordinator** or with set-up, decorating, serving or clean-up. If you are bringing an appetizer or dessert, please sign the sheet in the back of the church, indicating what you will bring.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – Thank you to all who have pledged or made a gift to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to pledge, you can find ACA envelopes in the back of the church. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church here in Western Oregon.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS

On Tuesdays of Lent, we 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 the sheet at the back of the church if you can help and/or bring soup or bread.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

St. Clare, Portland	Tuesday	April 1	7:00 PM
St. Cyril, Wilsonville:	Wednesday	April 2	7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth	Saturday	April 5	11:00 AM
St. Anthony, Tigard	Tuesday	April 8	7:00 PM
St. Anthony, Tigard	Thursday	April 10	1:15 PM
Our Lady of the Lake	Tuesday	April 15	7:00 PM

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY JUSTICE ANDE PEACE

Would you like to attend a very special meeting to learn more about our role in Justice and Peace? Please call the parish office if you would like to represent St. Elizabeth Parish at a very special meeting to be held at Resurrection Parish on April 4-5, 2014. National keynote speakers are Sheila Gilbert, St. Vincent DePaul; Candy Hill, Catholic Charities USA; and Joan Rosenhauer, Catholic Relief Services. For more information contact Matt Cato @ mcato@archdpdx.org.

It is noon at Jacob's well. Tired from the journey, Jesus stops to rest. The Word of God is hungry and thirsty. He calls a woman and her fellow citizens to faith.

A Samaritan woman comes to the well at the hour when the sun is burning. Perhaps this woman of bad reputation comes at this hour to avoid an encounter. But there is someone sitting by the well. Who is he? He is a Jew, and Jews do not associate with Samaritans. It is an old story of schism and fear of contamination.

In the eyes of Jesus, Samaria is like this woman who has five husbands. It has become a prostitute to the idols. But the Word of God is thirsty. He desires the faith of this woman. He begins playing a game of questions and answer with her. By the questions he raises, Jesus breaks through to the heart of this woman. She cannot avoid the question, who is this man who is greater than Jacob? Is he a prophet? Is he possibly the Messiah? Refreshed by the water of life, the Samaritan woman runs to the village, announcing the good news of the mystery of Jesus.

The hunger of the Word has now been satisfied. By introducing the woman to the life of faith, by bringing to God true worshipers, Jesus has begun to fulfill his mission. The Samaritans are already on the way. Their adherence to Jesus, the Savior of the world, prefigures the fruitfulness of a gospel preached to the ends of the earth.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Third Sunday of Lent.</i> Exodus 17:3-7/ Psalm 95/ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/ John 4:5-42/
Monday:	2 Kings 5:1-15b/ Psalms 42 and 43/Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday:	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord.</i> Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38
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:	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent.</i> 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23/ Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY \$4,237.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Pam Dunham and Sharon Burns

11:00 AM: Maura O'Scannlain

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

YOU MAY REMEMBER A LOVED ONE IN A SPECIAL WAY by making a donation in their name of the purchase of Easter plants for the altar. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Forms are at the back of the church.

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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

There are so many things we thirst for in this world: pleasure or popularity; power or prestige; comfort or a secure future. Yet we know that none of these things will satisfy our deepest thirst. In her thirst, the Samaritan woman had been seeking love and acceptance wherever she could find it, but she ended up lonely and isolated, and still thirsty. Jesus offers her living water—he offers her his very self. Jesus alone can satisfy our deepest thirst. As St. Augustine wrote: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you” (from *The Confessions of St. Augustine*).