



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 11, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



Happy Mother's Day



*Bless our mothers, O Lord,
Let their examples of faith
And love shine forth.
May we honor our mothers always.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2014 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Help that Empowers; Hope that Lasts

Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Charities Annual Campaign. Your gift brings hope for the homeless, the working poor, new arrivals, families in crisis, new parents, children and youth. Your support enables Catholic Charities to provide lasting hope for thousands of families and individuals in our community. Please give as generously to Catholic Charities' 2014 Annual Campaign. Find out more at: www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org or call 503-688-2620.

FIRST COMMUNION – Congratulations to Max Eppley, Weston French, Carson Galbraith, Maeve Glynn, Margrethe Gorud, Palmer Gorud, Taylor Rusina- Luzietti, and Ada Strecker, who celebrated their First Eucharist last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, May 11, we are called to pray for vocations. Let us ask Our Heavenly Father to bless his church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends, who will serve his people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the June program beginning with a weekend on June 20-22, 2014, call **1-503-225-9191** or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Barry and Melissa Taylor

11:00 a.m. Jana Davis and Della Young

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

The image of the good shepherd has nothing to do with saccharine sentimentality. Shepherds were important figures in the Palestinian landscape. They bore total responsibility for the flocks on which their people depended. They saw to it that the sheep found adequate grazing and water in a land that could be harsh and forbidding. They kept the animals safe from wild predators and human marauders, sometimes at the cost of their own lives. If the shepherds were unfaithful, the sheep could not long survive. It is no wonder that the people of the Old Testament cast God himself in the image of the good shepherd, sustainer and protector of the flock of Israel.

The Church found the perfect fulfillment of this image in the risen Christ, who had laid down his own life to become the very source of life for his people. He nourishes his flock with the word and the bread of life. In the mixed metaphors of today's gospel, he is the gate through which they pass to the safety of the sheepfold and the shepherd who defends them from all threats of evil.

In the First Letter of Peter, Christ the shepherd is called the "Guardian of your souls." The Greek word used is *episkopos*, more commonly translated "bishop." Although Christ is no longer visibly present to us as he was to his first hearers, he continues to nourish and to preserve his people through the Church's ministers. On Good Shepherd Sunday, then, we give thanks for the gift of all the good and faithful shepherds who lay down their lives in daily service to the Lord's flock.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday of Easter. Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ Psalm 23/
1 Peter 2:20b-25/ John 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalms 42 and 43/John 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalm 87/ John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Saint Matthias, Apostle. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Psalm 113/
John 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Psalm 89/ John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalm 2/ John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalm 98/ John 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Acts 6:1-7/ Psalm 33/ 1 Peter 2:4-9/
John 14:1-12

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$ 5,904.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$505.50

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS TO DATE: \$1,498.53 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

It is as if this gentle loving Word, my Son, were saying to you: "Look. I have made the road and opened the gate for you with my blood. Do not fail, then, to follow it. Do not sit down to rest out of selfish concern for yourself, foolishly saying you do not know the way. Do not presume to choose your own way of serving instead of the one I have made for you in my own person, eternal Truth, incarnate Word, the straight way hammered out with my own blood."

Get up, then, and follow him, for no one can come to me the Father except through him. He is the way and the gate through whom you must enter into me, the sea of peace.

(Catherine of Siena, The Dialogue, Paulist, 1980, p. 188)