



**THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION will begin soon. If you have children who will be receiving their First Communion, please sign the list in the back of the Church, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES –A second collection will be taken this weekend for the support of Martha & Mary Ministries, whose mission is to promote dignity at end of life through compassionate care and presence, spiritual support and community education.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A Quick Journey through the Bible

St. Francis Parish in Sherwood is offering a series of Adult Education presentations on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center on September 3, 10, 17 and 24.

A second series entitled **The Bible and the Mass: The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy** will be offered in October. For more information contact Dee Campbell, dee.campbell@ymail.com. A list of the classes is on the bulletin board.

WHO ARE THE PAULISTS?

How are they "different" from the Franciscans, the Jesuits, or Diocesan priests? Fr. Charlie Brunick, CSP will present a 3-part series to explain why the Paulist Priests are unique in their mission and goals. Each session will be at St. Philip Neri Church, SE 16th and Division Street, from 10:45 to 11:45 am following the 9:30 am Mass.

September 28

Who is "Servant of God?" ----Isaac Hecker (Founder)

October 12

The Mission and Charisms (gifts) of the Paulist Fathers

October 26

The Paulist Associates----Collaborators in Mission

AWAKENING FAITH – The Returning Catholic Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake Church invites inactive and semi-active Catholics to come together to discuss their faith The **Awakening Faith** program is structured to invite conversation and bonding between people. Sessions begin on Wednesday, October 1 and run through Wednesday, November 5 at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center, 650 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR. See bulletin board for further information or call Irene Boone at 503-636-3125 or boone5121@comcast.net or Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CELEBRATION -- Come celebrate your marriages!

Catholic married couples and their families are invited to attend this Special Mass Celebration with Renewal of Vows and Reception Ceremony at St. Francis Catholic Church, 15651 SW Oregon Street, Sherwood, Oregon on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Face painting and other activities are planned for children. (Sponsored by Teams of Our Lady, St. Francis Catholic Church. For more information contact Rob or Sharla Walsh – 503-620-7377 or lilj2523@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00: Elizabeth and David Barberis

9:00 AM: Pamela and Arly Dunham and Sharon Burns 11:00 AM: Jana Davis and Della Young
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,056.55

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$1,294.80

Thank you for your generosity!!

On September 13, 335, Constantine's Basilica of the Resurrection was dedicated in Jerusalem. The annual celebration of that event was followed the next day by a solemn veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross preserved in the basilica. This gave rise to a major feast of the Eastern Church, the Exaltation of the Cross. The feast was introduced at Rome in the seventh century.

The cross triumphant, both an icon of the Crucified and symbol of his exaltation, reminds us first of all that it is by being executed as a criminal that Christ won his victory. It also proclaims that we must carry our cross and die with him. Thus we will live with the One who, lifted above the earth, draws all people to himself.

Jesus could have died in any number of ways, but he was nailed to the tree of the cross as if symbolism itself demanded it. Modern psychology has relearned what the ancients knew—that the tree is a symbol deeply rooted in the human psyche. We know ourselves to be planted like a tree in the history of generations.

It is the same with the cross. From the time of pagan antiquity it has had a cosmic significance. It evokes the whole universe with its four dimensions, its four cardinal points, its four elements. Christ's death breathed new significance into this symbol. The totality of the redemptive mystery, the work of the Word present to all creation, was made manifest through wood of the cross. In stretching out his arms, Jesus gathered Jews and Gentiles into a single people, expressing the width, the length, the height and the depth of his love which surpasses all knowledge.

The history of salvation is played out between two trees—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life planted in the middle of the garden. If we want to eat of the fruit of life, we must be converted to the wisdom of God and make no other claim to glory than the cross of Christ.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/
Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17
- Monday: *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*. 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33/ Psalm 40/
John 19:25-27
- Tuesday: *Memorial of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian*. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a/
Psalm 100/ Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday: *Saint Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor of the Church*. 1 Corinthians 12:31
through 13:13/ Psalm 33/ Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Psalm 118/ Luke 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20/ Psalm 17/ Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49/ Psalm 56/ Luke 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Isaiah 55:6-9/ Psalm 145/
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a/ Matthew 20:1-16a



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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

The cross of Christ is our victory, the cross of Christ acquired a victorious triumph for us. Who of us is so blest as to merit bearing within himself the cross of Christ? That man bears within himself the cross of Christ who dies to this world and is conformed to Christ. Listen to the Apostle demonstrating this fact: "I have been crucified with Christ," he says, "and the life I live is not my own; Christ is living in me."

Therefore, the cross of Christ is the salvation of the world and the triumph of heavenly victory. Formerly even great kings, after they had carried off a splendid victory over a beaten people, were accustomed to construct a victory trophy in the form of a cross and they would append the captured spoils to the sign of the victim of everlasting memory.

(Chromatius of Aquileia, Sermon 19, Christian Readings, vol. 5, Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1972, p. 297)