



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ACTION ALERT RE: IRS MAILING. The IRS informed the Archdiocese of Portland that, in an effort to assist individuals potentially affected by tax fraud, it is attempting to issue an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) number to every individual who had a criminal background check processed through the former background check vendor for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and the Archdiocese of Seattle, regardless of when, or for which parish, school or other organization. The IP PIN number has been or will be sent by the IRS via US Mail by early January 2015. **The IP-PIN must be included on your 2014 tax return.** The IRS will not process returns that do not include this IP PIN number in an effort to protect people from having a fraudulent return filed in their name for the 2014 tax year.

Please read important information posted about this IP-PIN mailing on the Archdiocesan website: www.archdpx.org. Click on Action Alert on the first page. If you have questions, please contact the IRS Identity Protection Special Unit at 1-800-908-4490 or visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center. **Please do not contact the Archdiocese.** The Archdiocese has no information on the issuance of IP-PINs.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

Today we return to Ordinary Time. Lent will begin February 18, Ash Wednesday, when we fast in various ways, find ways to share what we have and try to grow more deeply in the Christian life.

In this spirit we will again offer the *Living the Eucharist* program. There will be Small Faith-Sharing Groups which will meet weekly during Lent to learn more about the Eucharist, pray one of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings using *lectio divina*, strengthen their sense of community, and prepare to renew their baptismal promises at Easter.

You are encouraged to participate in this program. Please sign up if you would like to join a group or perhaps lead one. For more information call the parish office or go livingtheeucharist.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN –Today we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our archdiocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

RED DOORS RETREAT at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church

Pope Francis said, "Let us act so that our brothers and sisters never feel alone."

Spend a day with people living in poverty or on the margins of society in Old Town Portland. Experience the Gospel call to serve those in need. Serve guests of St. Andre Bessette's Hospitality Center and visit other service providers in the neighborhood. Spend time in discussion, prayer and reflection.

Next Retreat is January 28, 2015. Hours of retreat are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information or to register, call 503-228-0746x110, email reddoorsretreat@saintandrechurch.org, or go to the website; www.saintandrechurch.org.



Indeed, I have spoken thus, not without purpose, but so that when you hear John again uttering the same words as before you will not rate them as nonsense or consider them vain and boring. Of course, when he spoke the first time he wished to be heard, but since many, because of their deep apathy, did not pay attention to his words from the beginning, he roused them from sleep by repeating his message again. Now, consider; he had said: 'After me there comes one who has been set above me'; and 'I am not worthy to loose the strap of his sandal'; and 'He will baptize (you) with the Holy Spirit and with fire,' and that the Spirit was seen descending as a dove and abiding upon Him, and he bore witness that 'this is the Son of God.'

No one paid attention or asked a question or said: 'Why do you say these things, and about whom, and for what reason?' Again, he had said: 'Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' Not even thus did he penetrate their insensibility. For this reason, finally, he was forced to say the same words again, as if softening some hard and unyielding soil by cultivating it. By his word, as it were by a plow, he stirred up the hard-packed mind so that the seeds might settle down deeply. Accordingly, it is for this reason that he did not make his speech long, either, because he was striving for one thing only: namely, to lead them on and to unite them with Christ. He knew that when they had accepted this, and had been convinced, they would not have any further need of his testimony to Him. And this is what actually took place.

(John Chrysostom, Homily 17 on John, Fathers of the Church, vol. 33, CUA Press, 1957, p. 161)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/ Psalm 40/ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ John 1:35-42
Monday:	Hebrews 5:1-10/ Psalm 110/ Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Hebrews 6:10-20/ Psalm 111/ Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday:	<u>Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr.</u> Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/ Psalm 110/ Mark 3:1-6
Thursday:	<u>A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.</u> Hebrews 7:25 through 8:6/ Psalm 40/ Mark 3:7-12
Friday:	Hebrews 8:6-13/ Psalm 85/ Mark 3:13-19
Saturday:	<u>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</u> Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14/ Psalm 47/ Mark 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	<u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Jonah 3:1-5, 10/ Psalm 25/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/ Mark 1:14-20

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Maryla & Greg Kaminski 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.

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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

John's account of the call of the first disciples is a story of people being led to Jesus. Andrew encounters the Lord and runs off to bring Peter back to him. John's Gospel is a reminder that the making of the disciples is the work of a community. We have the responsibility of making Jesus known to others, of bringing people to him, and of supporting each other's baptismal call.

