



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	April 2	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	April 3	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	April 4	8:30 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	April 5	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

On Holy Saturday, there will be no 4:00 PM Mass nor 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.

*Please join us after the 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass for a community gathering where we will continue to celebrate
The Lord's Resurrection
in breaking bread and sharing food.*

Our celebration needs volunteers for setting up and decorating at noon, as well as helping in the kitchen and cleaning up. Also, please remember to sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert.

YOU MAY REMEMBER A LOVED ONE IN A SPECIAL WAY by making a donation in their name for the purchase of an Easter plant for the altar. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Forms are at the back of the church.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - On Tuesdays of Lent through March 24, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 pm Lenten prayer service. Please sign up if you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up and/or if you will bring soup or bread.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

St. Cyril, Wilsonville	Wednesday	March 18	7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Thursday	March 19	7:00 PM
St. Anthony, Tigard	Tuesday	March 24	7:00 PM
Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego	Tuesday	March 31	7:00 PM

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - There will be a second collection for CRS next weekend.

It is a paradox of human living that signs of death are so frequently signs of healing. To this day the ancient caduceus, one or two snakes wrapped around a pole, stands as a sign of a pharmacist or physician. We know that the venom of vipers is used to make the antidote which heals those bitten by the same snakes. Despite the commonness of this paradox we still find it difficult to say "amen" to Jesus' preaching of death as the way to life.

All of us want to be lifted up—but not upon the cross. All of us want to have eternal life—but none of us wants to die. When it comes to matters of sin and alienation the cure seems worse than the disease.

The prophet Jeremiah attempted to point out the same sort of paradox to his people. Was it truly possible that God could restore the nation at the hand of Cyrus, the king of Persia? We do not look to the enemy for healing and integrity. But God is always breaking through human expectations. Paul knew that whenever we begin to think that healing is wrought by our own hands then we begin to think in very restricted categories. If healing and wholeness are God's work then the possibilities are as limitless as they are undeserved.

Lent is an invitation to think the impossible and to live in impossible ways. Whoever rejects the impossible chooses condemnation. Whoever believes, whoever dares to live lifted up with Christ on the cross, is drawn with Christ to God.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Fourth Sunday of Lent.</u> 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/ Psalm 137/ Ephesians 2:4-10/ John 3:14-21
Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalm 30/ John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	<u>Saint Patrick, Bishop.</u> Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	<u>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</u> Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-20
Thursday:	<u>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</u> 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Psalm 89/ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday:	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/ Psalm 34/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/ John 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	<u>Fifth Sunday of Lent.</u> Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51/ Hebrews 5:7-9/ John 12:20-33

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Coleen and Jim Connolly

11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,772.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$80.00 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

Two key aspects of our Christian discipleship are mentioned as Jesus foreshadows his being "lifted up" upon the Cross. The first is the responsibility of making him known. How do we reveal Christ to others so that they may come to believe in him? The second is the sharing of his light: "whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Are people attracted to us because they see the light of Christ in our lives?

