



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 30, 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.

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 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 supporting 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.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

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.

"I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). The parables of Jesus propose the paradox of a faith perceived by the simple and disregarded by the wise.

Under the gaze of Christ, the light of the world, people choose either for or against him. Some pretend to see and know him. But they keep to their limited views, and it is by the measure of their narrow wisdom that they gauge the works of the divine envoy. If they refuse to believe in him, they can base their case only upon the blindness of their hearts: "We have no idea where this man comes from" (John 9:29).

The healed blind man knows only one thing: the man who opened his eyes must come from God. For him and for us, all of life depends upon this humble certitude. In spite of opposition, the newly sighted must look beyond the man and the prophet to the Son of God and the Lord. Only the totally free initiative of Jesus will allow this personal vision of faith: "You have seen him; he is speaking to you now" (John 9:37).

Through baptism the sinner is reborn from native darkness to the light of Christ. But the sinner must learn to see all things anew through the eyes of faith. Thus the whole Christian life is catechumenal: a slow climb through the shifting visions of this world, from the light received and imperfectly seen up to the total clarity of the day of Christ.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<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
Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalm 30/ John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-30
Thursday:	Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106/ John 5:31-47
Friday:	<i>St. Isadore, bishop, doctor of the church.</i> 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:	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent.</i> Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalm 130/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST SUNDAY \$3,738.40 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Joan Enright 11:00 AM: The Nisbet Family

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 for the purchase of an Easter plant 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

The man born blind has carried two burdens throughout his life: his blindness, and the conviction that his blindness was a punishment for sin—either his own, or his parents'. Jesus completely transforms his understanding of his affliction when he tells him his blindness is not a curse at all, but rather an opportunity for "the works of God" to "be made visible." When he is healed, the man who was blind becomes a fearless witness to Jesus, recognizing him as the Messiah. Most of us can point to similar experience in our lives, when something we thought of as an affliction, a limitation, or a cross turned out to be precisely what led us to a newer and deeper relationship with God.