



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of our Christian community!

Rafferty John Sullivan will be baptized during the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. We extend our prayers and best wishes to Rafferty, his parents, Rory and Sara Sullivan, and his grandparents, Susan and Gary Lange.



SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING: Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area if you'd like to lead or participate in a Small Faith Sharing Group during Lent. We will have more information available soon; you can expect a follow-up phone call.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE /SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS: On Tuesdays during Lent, beginning Tuesday, March 7 through April 4, we will gather for a 6:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Elizabeth's, and we hope that everyone can enjoy at least one of our Tuesday night gatherings during Lent. Mark your calendars! Sign-up sheets will be out next week.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL: We're participating in Rice Bowl again this year as a way to encounter Jesus through helping others, especially the poor. Twenty-five percent of Rice Bowl proceeds remain here in western Oregon to fund combat local poverty and hunger. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Be sure to take one home and use this simple and fun resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience this year.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK! If you enjoy singing and can carry a tune or if you play an instrument, please consider joining our choir during Holy Week.

Choir Practice Schedule: Tuesday, February 28, Wednesdays March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 and Tuesday, April 11. All practices run from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

LENTEN PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the back of the church. Please take any that you will use and enjoy.

Attention Parents: If you'd like age appropriate, meaningful Lent materials to help your children understand and grow in their faith this Lenten Season, consider these resources: Liturgy Training Publications (LTP.org) and Creative Communications (catholic.creativecommunications.com).

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS: Collections of used umbrellas, coats, gloves, hats, scarfs, sweatshirts, sweaters, fleeces, shoes/boots, men's jeans/pants, new socks / underwear will continue through February. This is a great excuse to clean out your closets and drawers!

COLLECTIONS: Last Sunday \$5734.00 THANK YOU!!

Today's gospel shows the new Moses preaching the fulfillment of the Law. His words, spoken with authority, define the faith lived by Christians.

The gospel moves us beyond the ancient law of retaliation. While the law seems harsh to us today, in its own day it marked progress over the growing anarchy of individual revenge. At the time of Jesus, the law of retaliation was not applied in its primitive rigor, even though it was maintained in principle. To this day, proportionality of punishment to crime is the foundation of penal law. Although this law of retaliation is regarded as legitimate, Jesus challenges it. In opposition to this regulated revenge which always runs the risk of declining into a vicious circle of violence, Jesus preaches that nonresistance which renounces the perpetuation of evil.

Jesus goes even further. The Old Testament had already required love of neighbor as one's other self. Neighbor meant one's Jewish compatriot; in its wildest extension, it meant the stranger abiding in Israel or the adopted and assimilated immigrant. For Jesus, however, even enemies and persecutors become neighbors. To instinctive hatred Jesus proposes love, a concrete love expressed in hospitality to the stranger and prayer for our persecutors.

While some have termed this a utopian or naïve style of life, simple observation teaches that a gesture of peace is often more effective than a discussion of peace. A just society is not built on litigation alone, but also upon individuals freely surrendering their just due for the good of another. Long-suffering is the true power of the non-violent. Our frail efforts for justice pale before Jesus, the perfect model of these essential Christian attitudes.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/ Psalm 103/
I Corinthians 3:16-23/ Matthew 5:38-48.
- Monday: Sirach 1:1-10/ Psalm 93/ Mark 9:14-29.
- Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11/ Psalm 37/ Mark 9:30-37.
- Wednesday: *The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*. 1 Peter 5:1-4/ 23/ Matthew 16: 13-19.
- Thursday: *St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*. Sirach 5: 1-8/ Psalm 1/ Mark 9:41-50.
- Friday: Sirach 6;5-17/ Psalm 119/ Mark 10:1-12.
- Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15/ Psalm 103/ Mark 10:13-16.
- Next Sun: *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Isaiah 49:14-15/ Psalm 62/ I Corinthians 4:1-5/
Matthew 6:24-34.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- February 25th and 26th.

Saturday Wine & Cheese – Kay and Jim Armstrong

9:00 AM – Maryla & Greg Kaminski 11:00 AM – Ginny & Bob Caudill

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.

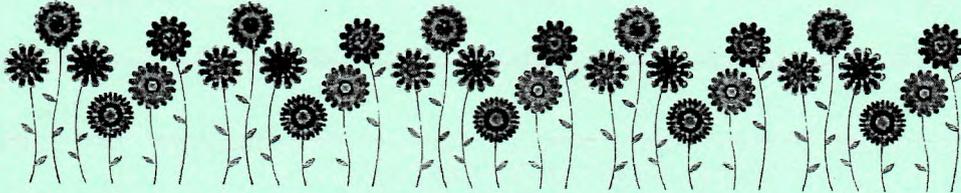
Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168



ASH WEDNESDAY – March 1, 2017

Mass with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at

8:30 AM -- NOON -- 7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when we fast in various ways, find ways to share our blessings with others and endeavor to grow more deeply in the Christian life. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.