



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 29, 2018

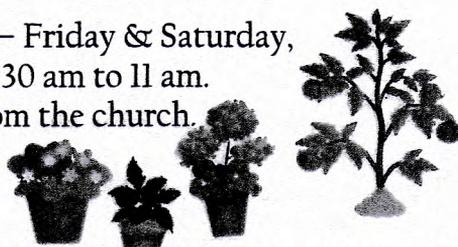
ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

KEN ERNST - Long-time parishioner and friend to many at St. Elizabeth passed away on Tuesday, April 17th following a brave battle against cancer. Our love and prayers are extended to Sonje and all Ken's family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Elizabeth on Friday, May 4 at 3:00pm.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION - Thank you for your contribution to Catholic Home Missions. If you were not able to give this weekend, please take an envelope and drop it in the regular collection over the next few weeks. Your generosity is appreciated!

THE WORD AMONG US for May is available in the gathering area.

ST. THOMAS MORE ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm; Sunday May 6th 8:30 am to 11 am. Sale located in the parking lot across the street from the church. Annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, small trees. Questions: plantsale@stmpdx.org.



27TH ANNUAL TOBIN LECTURE: Keynote Speaker, Sister Donna Markham, OP, PhD, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, will speak on "Sharing the Journey with Our Most Vulnerable Sisters and Brothers: On the plight of migrants and refugees." Friday, May 4th, 6:30pm at All Saints Catholic Church, 3847 NE Glisan St in Portland.

THE GROTTO 2018 SPRING CONCERT SERIES: The Grotto offers free concerts each weekend through May 13th. A donation of two canned or box food items is encouraged. April 29th: Salvation Army Portland Tabernacle Songsters (3:00 pm) & St. Thomas Aquinas Choir (Camas) (4:00 pm). May 6th: St. John's Lutheran Church Choir (3:00 pm) & Tyger Bailey-One Celtic Harp (4:00 pm).

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - May 6th:

9:00 AM - Mary & Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM - Ginny & Bob Caudill

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$3,259.00 THANK YOU!

At the beginning of the second discourse after the Last Supper, Jesus says, "I am the true vine!" When he makes such an unprecedented remark, does he have in mind that vine carved in stone on the temple pediment to symbolize Israel? The image fits well within the context of the Last Supper, where Jesus has just given his disciples the wine of the new covenant prefigured at Cana. In any case, it would evoke in the hearts of the disciples the whole history of the relationship between God and the chosen people.

Sign of blessing, symbol of the fruitful wife, the vine is present throughout the life of this people who are attached to the land. God could rightly expect fine grapes from that luxuriant vine uprooted from Egypt and planted in Canaan. He had lavished so much care on it! But he received only sour grapes in return (Isa 5: 1-7). In the words of the prophets, the vine came to signify the sinful and degenerate Israel, unfaithful to the covenant and about to be punished for its perversity. Later hope is reborn for a magnificent vine, a purified and faithful people for whom the Lord would be the guardian, day and night.

"I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower." Jesus at last fulfills the divine expectation which has so long been frustrated. He is, in his person, the true Israel, and his blood has brought forth a new vine on Calvary. Henceforth, one can bear fruit for God unless they are in Jesus and Jesus in them, in a reciprocity of love which alone assures life its marvelous promise which the eucharist already begins to fulfill.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Acts 9:26-31/Psalm 22/ 1 John 3:18-24/ John 15:1-8.
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Psalms 115/ John 14:21-26.
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Psalm 145/ John 14:27-31a.
Wednesday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Acts 15:1-6/ Psalm 122/
John 15:1-8.
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/ Psalm 19/ John 14:6-14.
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Psalm 57/ John 15:12-17.
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Psalm 100/ John 15:18-21.
Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Psalm 98/
1 John 4:7-10/ John 15:9-17.

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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.

PARISH STAFF

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

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

Monday-Friday



In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So, if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved's, and he is yours. (Song of Songs 6:3) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit.

Finally, is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God's image in others too.

And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you multiply and be fruitful.