



“For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city.”

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 27, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. 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 and place it in the basket in the parish hall. This food goes to Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry. The basket is left out at all times so that you can bring food any time it is convenient.

73RD ANNUAL SEMINARY TEA, May 14, 2008, 2-5 PM at the beautiful Dunthorpe home of Dr. and Mrs. Brian Shaffer. Complimentary valet shuttle service and free parking at Lewis & Clark College residence hall parking lot. Meet Archbishop John Vlazny and Bishop Kenneth Steiner. Tickets \$20 available at the door or mail check made out to Seminary Tea to Susan Welch, 18010 Skyland Circle, Lake Oswego 97034. Tea benefits the education of Portland Seminarians. Please make donation checks payable to the Archdiocese of Portland and designate for the Education of Seminarians studying for our Archdiocese.

MOTHER & CHILD EDUCATION CENTER (formerly Birthright) needs help with the upcoming Mother's Day flower sale here at St. Elizabeth's. We need a volunteer to pick up the flowers on Friday, May 9, 9:00 AM to noon or Saturday, May 10, 9:00 to noon. We also need volunteers to sell the flowers at each of the weekend masses. If you would like to help, please call the parish office at 503-222-2168. Thank you.

Thank you for your kind support of the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection that was taken up on December 8-9, 2007. St. Elizabeth Church contributed \$2,672.00. The people of this archdiocese have been remarkably generous throughout the 18 years this collection has been taken. Our Archdiocese has provided \$215,721.88 this year to support retired religious men and women. You are remembered in the prayers of these priests, brothers and sisters. May God continue to bless you for the support you have provided.

Sister M. Grace Schonlau, Sister Jane Lord

BEYOND THE RAMP - Engaging People with Disabilities in Faith Communities, an interfaith conference for clergy, people with disabilities, congregational lay leaders, families of people with disabilities, professional service providers will be held at St. Anthony Village (a fully accessible facility), 3560 SE 79th Avenue, Portland on Friday, May 2, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. See bulletin board or call Interfaith Disabilities Network of Oregon @ 503-226-7079.

ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE - SAVE THE DATE! - The St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble will be held at 2:00 pm, June 22nd at Wildwood Golf Course. Information and registration forms are available at the back of the church. Contact Greg Kaminski with questions (h: 503 524-3837, w:977-4570; email: gm.kaminski@vewrizon.net). *Start the summer with an enjoyable round of golf and a time to get to know friends at St. Elizabeth!*

BLANKETS & CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED - The Downtown Chapel is currently in need of blankets & adult clothing. Although the weather is getting nicer, people in our community still need assistance with staying warm at night. All donations to the Downtown Chapel are always distributed free of charge to those people who are most in need. Please consider donating articles that you no longer need, visiting garage sales, or purchasing these items at value stores. The Downtown Chapel is located at 601 West Burnside, and a tax receipt is always available. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday, 10am - Noon, 1pm - 3pm. We recommend calling or emailing before bringing your donations: 503.228.0746 or info@downtownchapel.org.

Jesus asks his Father for another Paraclete, who will remain with us and help keep the memory of Jesus alive. Paraclete is a term which comes from the Greek and signifies a legal advocate, one who speaks for us. It is only the loving acceptance of this Spirit of truth which allows us to love someone whom we know not by sight but through the testimony of others.

The Spirit of truth is the Church's creative memory. It enables us to enter into the mystery of Christ. Thus the Church takes part in the vital communion of Father and Son. This same Spirit inspires us to love Jesus. "in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it." (1 John 3:18).

The love of a Christian for the Master is not satisfied with words. The scriptures attest to the indissoluble bond between knowledge and moral life. To say that we know Christ without keeping his commandments is a lie. On the contrary "whoever keeps his word, truly has the love of God been made perfect in him" (1 John 2:5). By living as Jesus lived, we already pass with him from death to life.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Psalm 66/ 1 Peter 3:15-18/ John 14: 15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/ Psalm 149/ John 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/ Psalm 138/ John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1/ Psalm 148/ John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18: 1-8/ Psalm 98/ John 16:16-20

Friday: Acts: 18:9-18/ Psalm 47/ John 16:20-23

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/ Psalm 19/ John 14:6-14

Next Sunday: *The Ascension of the Lord* Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/

Matthew 28:16-20

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Pia and Paul Gassner

9:00 am: Barbara and Holly Taylor

11:00 am: Pat and Corky Fleck

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$4,256.28 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., Administrator

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel reading is from the Book of John, and in it we find Jesus telling his disciples that he will ask God, his Father, to send the Holy Spirit to live in and with the disciples forever. He also tells them that very soon they will no longer be able to actually see him, but that they should continue to love him and obey his commandments.

The greatest of the commandments that Jesus gave his disciples (and us!) is to "love one another as I have loved you." If we could obey this great commandment, we would not break any of the Ten Commandments, because out of love, we would be loving to others in every situation we face.

Do you find yourself picking and choosing whom you will love?

How is God calling you to love in your life?

Can you remember a time when you really felt God's love? Share your memory.