



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 6, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HELP THE HOMELESS - The Downtown Chapel is seeking new volunteers for its morning Hospitality Center (Mon - Fri, 9 am - Noon). Volunteers help provide basic needs like food, clothing, hygiene, and blankets, while building relationships with the poor and homeless in a safe and welcoming environment. Volunteers also participate in reflections about their daily experiences. If you want to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Andy at the Downtown Chapel: 503-228-0746 X13 or volunteer@downtownchapel.org.

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.

SUMMER CONFERENCE 2008 - *Refresh, renew and refocus!* July 30- August 3, 2008

This year's theme . . . Building the Church. . . THE SPIRIT MOVING STILL

A retreat for all ages! Set on the beautiful campus of the University of Portland

5 days to experience your faith through study, prayer, and play for adults and children

See bulletin board or www.summerconf.org

ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE - SAVE THE DATE! - The St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble will be the afternoon of June 22nd at Wildwood Golf Course. More information will be out soon, or contact Greg Kaminski with questions (503 524-3837).

THE CHURCH: ITS NATURE AND MISSION, an eight week in-depth course in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office.

Location: St. Anthony Catholic Church - O'Reily Hall
9905 SW McKenzie Street, Tigard, OR

Instructor: Pat Bellamah

Dates: Thursdays - April 3, 2008 through May 1, 2008

Times: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit, plus required books. Bring your bible.

See bulletin board. Registration form available at www.stanthonytigard.org on the main page under 'Religious Education/Adult Faith Enrichment.'

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT - Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-35, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 11-13, 2008. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Joseph Nguyen, O.S.B., Abbey Director of Vocations, at (503)845-3226, or by email: abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu

Are you no longer hoping? Behold, Christ is alive; and hope is dead in you! Certainly Christ is alive! The living Christ finds the hearts of His disciples dead. He appeared before their eyes, yet He was not manifest to them; He was visible, yet He was hidden from them. For, if He were not visible to them, how did they hear Him when He questioned them? How did they answer His questions? He walked with them on the road as a companion, yet He was their leader. Certainly they saw Him, but they did not recognize Him, for "their eyes were held, that they should not recognize him," as we have heard today. They were not prevented from seeing Him, but they "were held that they should not recognize him."

Ah, my brethren, where was it that the Lord wished to be recognized? In the breaking of bread. We are safe; we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. He did not wish to be recognized except in that act, for the sake of us who were not destined to see Him in the flesh but who, nevertheless, would eat His flesh. Therefore, whoever you are who are faithful, you for whom the title Christian is not an empty name, you who do not enter this church without reason, you who hear the word of God with sentiments of fear and hope, let the breaking of bread bring consolation to you. The absence of the Lord is not real absence; have faith, and He whom you do not see is with you. When the Lord spoke to the disciples, they did not have faith; because they did not believe that He had risen, they did not hope that they could rise again. They had lost faith; they had lost hope. As dead men they walked with the Living; as dead men they walked with Life itself. Life walked with them, but life was not yet renewed in their hearts.

(Augustine, Sermon 235, *Fathers of the Church*, vol. 38, CUA Press, 1959, p. 229)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalm 16/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/ Luke 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/ Psalm 119/ John 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/ Psalm 31/ John 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Psalm 66/ John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Psalm 66/ John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9: 1-20/ Psalm 117/ John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/ Psalm 116/ John 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ Psalm 23/ 1 Peter 2:20b-25/ John 10:1-10

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Karl and Bob Wetzel 11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,604.00 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., 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

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

This Sunday's Gospel is Luke's account of two disciples who are walking to Emmaus after Jesus' death. As they walk along, talking about all that had happened to Jesus in Jerusalem, Jesus comes up to them and begins to walk with them, but they fail to recognize him. They are astonished that, even though he has just come from Jerusalem, he hasn't heard about what happened to Jesus in that city. So they tell him all about it. Then Jesus starts talking, and explains many things to them, and when he eats with them, they finally recognize him.

What is the difference between seeing someone and recognizing someone?

If you are one of the two people walking along the road with Jesus, what would you want to talk to Him about?

Even though we can't see Jesus, how do we know He is still with us?