

LENTEN THOUGHTS

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.

Fast from negatives;
Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from worry;
Feast on faith.



ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

LENTEN MATERIALS are available in the parish hall. *Toward Glory--Lent in the Light of Easter* provides reflections based on the daily Mass readings for Lent and offers varied ways to journey towards our celebration of Easter. There are also several special materials for children (or grandchildren!).

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - On Tuesdays of Lent we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. If you would like to take part in any of the suppers, please sign up in the parish hall. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING - A total of 77 parishioners are participating in the small group sessions to reflect on the Scriptures through the lens of reconciliation and healing.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE is scheduled for Tuesdays following the Lenten Service/Soup Supper. Practices will begin no later than 7:15 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED to join with our First Communion class in collecting food, hats and mittens during Lent to support the needs of Immaculate Heart Parish. A special basket at the altar is available for the children's donations.

WELCOME! - Would you like to help with greeting people who are new to St. Elizabeth's? We would like to form a Greeting Committee. If you are interested, please call the parish office or sign up in the back of the church. Thank you.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Our faith community will participate in Operation Rice Bowl again this Lent. Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, and calls Catholics in the United States to reach out in solidarity with the poor around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting, learning, and giving**. By participating in these four activities, we come to understand our call to be a part of one global community.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION, sponsored by Catholic Charities Ministry to the Elderly Committee for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity. Friday, February 22, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 2310 SE 148th Avenue, Portland. Presented by Rev. Jack Mosbrucker. Cost for the day is \$15.00, which includes lunch **Pre-registration is required**. See bulletin board.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2008 CELEBRATION - Saturday, March 8, 2008, 6:00 PM, Oregon Convention Center Ballroom. Includes Cocktail Reception, Dinner, Presentations, Dessert and Dancing. Tickets are \$125 per person, tables of ten available for \$1,250. Call Catholic Charities, 503-231-4866, ext. 117 for reservations and sponsorship opportunities.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH MISSION 2008 entitled *God's love for Us and Our Response to His Love*, February 18-20, presented by Fr. Francis Chun. See bulletin board.

DOWNTOWN CHAPEL - Personal Poverty Retreat. A Friday of prayer, service and reflection. A full day working with the marginalized in Old Town while learning more about the issues of poverty and the Gospel call to serve those in need. March 7, April 4 and May 2, 2008. 8:30AM to 9:00 PM. Contact Fr. Ron, 503-228-0746

We begin the forty-day Lenten journey in the desert where the new Adam becomes freer as the conscience becomes sharper. United with all who are suffering from famine and oppression, Jesus, the new Moses, relives the forty years of Israel's struggles in the solitude of the exodus. Through the descriptive narration of this ordeal, the evangelists suggest that Jesus, true God and true man, was tempted by Satan throughout his life.

Jesus' mission is the focus of his adversary's attack. Would he be able to refrain from being poor, ignored and weak? Would he be able to refrain from selling short the reality of his incarnation by using miracles, force, and seduction as if he were superhuman? Would he be the Servant-Son according to the heart of God, or Prometheus, relying upon his own power to steal fire from Heaven? Every time Jesus felt in his heart the temptation to be a worldly messiah, he rejected it, relying solely on the word of God. He fled the crowds who clamored for his marvels and wished to make him king. He rebuked Peter who came between him and way to his passion. Jesus wished to drink the bitter cup of his death, not to save himself once he was nailed upon the cross.

This stands as a strong judgment against many of our choices, our appetite for consumerism, our solicitation of profit and our unbridled ambition. How can we set priorities at the beginning of Lent without contemplating Jesus who is turned toward the one source of all his actions, the word of God?

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Romans 5:12-19/Psalm 51/Matthew 4:1-11

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18/Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12,14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4a/Psalm 33/ 2 Timothy 1:8b-10/ Matthew 17:1-9

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,472.75

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$542.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Dave and Marge Hartmann 11:00 a.m.: Julie and Lee Steiner

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., 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

First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

In today's readings Jesus teaches us to overcome temptation. Temptations are those things that lure us into doing something that is immoral, or as the Church teaches, sinful. The devil is always trying to lead us away from our relationship with God so he tempts us with many things --- including the glamour of power, money, and popularity.

*As we begin this Lenten season, first examine the temptations in your life.
What are the temptations that get in the way of your relationship with God? What
action will you do that will bring you into a closer relationship with God?*