



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 17, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, **Gwenyth Jean Lee**, who will be baptized this Saturday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Jason and Kara Lee**.

**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 help with set-up, serving and clean-up. **Please sign up .**

**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. We still need more greeters! 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.

**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.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2008 CELEBRATION**

Saturday, March 8, 2008, 6:00 PM, Oregon Convention Center Ballroom  
Includes Cocktail Reception, Dinner, Presentations, Dessert and Dancing

Fetruring De La Salle North Catholic High School Gospel Choir

Sara Hung, Vocalist

La Salle Catholic College Preparatory Jazz Combo

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.



I like to think of Peter remembering how our Lord had stood upon the mountain and been transfigured before himself, St. James, and St. John. His face had shone like the sun, his garments were white as snow. Then a cloud appeared -- the sign, for a Jew, of the presence of God -- and a voice said: "This is my beloved Son." Our Lord had been there, with Elias and Moses. Then they had come down from the mountain and life had gone on as usual. I like to think too that St. Peter's mind traveled to a vision recorded in the Book of Daniel: "I beheld in the vision of the night, and lo, one like the son of man came upon the clouds of heaven. And he came even to the ancient of days: and they presented him before him. And he gave him power and glory and a kingdom: and all the tribes, peoples, and tongues shall serve him. His power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away: and his kingdom shall not be destroyed." This magnificent figure was surely that of the Son of Man appearing in all his majesty to found a kingdom, a kingdom of all the elect. Might not St. Peter have had all this in mind as our Lord rode into Jerusalem? Now the Roman power would be overthrown. Now the enemies of the Lord among the Jews would be silenced once and for all -- no matter that here at this very moment they were plotting against him. This was the moment of triumph.

Then a week passes. All is changed. They are not shouting "Hosanna" now: they are shouting "Crucify him! Crucify him!" A king? Why, he is crowned with thorns. Transfigured? Garments white as snow? Covered with spittle, blood and sweat. A prophet come to teach? Why, at Herod's palace they treated him like a fool. Poor Peter. Doubts cloud his mind. Disillusionment. He cannot run away completely. He hangs around, wondering why it's so difficult to persevere when the Master is now, it seems, in the hands of his enemies.

Basil Hume, *Searching for God*, Morehouse-Barlow, Inc. 1979, p. 157)

### LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10/Psalm 79/ Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 23:1-2

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31

Friday: The Chair of St. Peter 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 16-19

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 103/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7/ Psalm 95/ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/ John 4:5-42

**COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND** \$3,497.91

**FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** \$642.35

**SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$29.00 Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:** 4:00 p.m.: Jim and Patti Ochs

9:00 a.m.: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 a.m.: Denise and Doug White

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



## ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH

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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.

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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

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### **Second Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9**

#### *The Transfiguration of Jesus*

In today's Gospel, Jesus' physical appearance is changed and again we hear God's voice from a cloud state: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please." We too are sons and daughters of God with whom He is well pleased. Do I realize that I am beloved?

*Take time to reflect on this thought and how it has come to be. Through our baptism we are invited by Jesus to follow him to the mountain where we too can be transformed. How will I change this Lenten season?*