



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
February 24, 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.

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.**

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Sacred Heart	March 1	11:00 A.M.
St. Clare	March 11	7:00 P.M.
St. Philip Neri	March 12	7:00 P.M.
Our Lady of the Lake	March 18	7:00 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.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED - We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to patients at OHSU. If you could help for a few hours one or two days per month for this very rewarding ministry it would be very much appreciated. Training is provided.

TRANSITION PROJECTS - St. Elizabeth Parish serves meals to the homeless twice a month through Transition Projects and funded by our Simple Supper donations. If you would like to help and could make a commitment to serve once a month, please call the parish office.

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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 a.m.: Kathy and Rich Sabel
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

A Samaritan woman comes to the well at the hour when the sun is burning. Perhaps this woman of bad reputation comes at this hour to avoid an encounter. But there is someone sitting by the well. Who is he? he is a Jew, and Jews do not associate with Samaritans. It is an old story of schism and fear of contamination.

In the eyes of Jesus, Samaria is like this woman who has five husbands. It has become, a prostitute to the idols. But the Word of God is thirsty. He desires the faith of this woman. He begins playing a game of question and answer with her. By the questions he raises, Jesus breaks through to the heart of this woman. She cannot avoid the question, who is this man who is greater than Jacob? Is he a prophet? Is he possibly the Messiah? Refreshed by the water of life, the Samaritan woman runs to the village, announcing the good news of the mystery of Jesus.

The hunger of the Word has now been satisfied. By introducing the woman to the life of faith, by bringing to God true worshipers, Jesus has begun to fulfill his mission. The Samaritans are already on the way. Their adherence to Jesus, the Savior of the world, prefigures the fruitfulness of a gospel preached to the ends of the earth.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15a/ Psalm 42/ Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 18:21-25

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Psalm 95/ Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 81/ Mark 12:28B-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalm 51/ Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23/ Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND \$3,679.72 Thank you.

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.

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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 Lent

John 4:5-42

While in Samaria, Jesus stopped at a well for water. There he met a Samaritan woman who was surprised when Jesus asked her for some water. Samaritans and Jews did not like each other. Jesus explained to her about "living water" and how, when he gave it to someone, they would never be thirsty again and they would also live forever! The woman believed this and that Jesus was indeed the Messiah they had all been waiting for. She told many others about her encounter with Jesus, and many of the Samaritians also came to believe in Jesus.

Do you have any prejudices? What are they? Do they get in the way of how you treat others? How? Brainstorm some things you might do to "get over" your prejudices. Would you have recognized Jesus at the well and believed? Why or why not?