



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - Mass, with distribution of ashes, will be at 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fast and abstinence.

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 74 parishioners will participate in the small group sessions beginning the week of February 4 to reflect on the Scriptures through the lens of reconciliation and healing. The Quest booklets have arrived and will be available at the first meetings.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE begins Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. On the following Tuesdays, practices will begin no later than 7:15, following the Lenten Service/Soup Supper. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the back of the church.

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.

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

"Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." This does not refer to the righteousness of God, but to suffering in a just cause, suffering for their own just judgements and actions. For it is by these that they who renounce possessions, fortune, rights, righteousness, honour, and force for the sake of following Christ, will be distinguished from the world. The world will be offended at them, and so the disciples will be persecuted for righteousness' sake. Not recognition, but rejection is the reward they get from the world for their message and works. It is important that Jesus give his blessing not merely to suffering incurred directly for the confession of his name, but to suffering in any just cause. They receive the same promise as the poor, for in persecution they are their equals in poverty.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Macmillan, 1959, p. 127)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/Psalm 146/1 Corinthians 1:26-31/ Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/Psalm 3/Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14,24-25,30; 19:3/Psalm 86/Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18/Psalm 51/2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Psalm 1/ Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a/Psalm 51/Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14/Psalm 86/Luke 5:27-32

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$2881.25

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$10.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 4:00 pm Anne and Tom Barwick

9:00 a.m.: Ronnie and Jack Smith

11:00 a.m.: Pat and Corky Fleck

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Today's Gospel is familiar. It's what we call the "Sermon on the Mount." We also refer to this scripture as the "Beatitudes." For us as Christians, the Beatitudes are as important as the Ten Commandments, but they are not easy to understand.

Which one of the Beatitudes do you understand because you have experienced it? Describe how you experienced it. Which one would you like to understand and act on? Why? Is there one that is scary to you? Which one and why?