



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN - How did you hear the Good News Today?

Next week's second collection supports the Bishops' CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC). For more than 25 years, the CCC has been spreading the Gospel message locally and nationally on radio, television, in print and on the Internet. It is only through donations from Catholic parishioners that the work of the CCC is possible. Please contribute generously to the Campaign in the upcoming parish collection. Half of the collection will remain in our Archdiocese to fund local Catholic communication efforts. Visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org for national program information. The Catholic Communication Campaign -- it's how the Good News gets around.

POINSETTIAS - If you donated a poinsettia in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please feel free to take one home with you after mass this weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. Please record your name after the number in the log that corresponds with your envelope packet number.

2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING - This weekend and next you will have an opportunity to sign up to participate in a Small Group Faith Sharing for Lent.. A group is a gathering of approximately 10 parishioners who meet weekly to share their faith and reflect on the coming Sunday's scripture readings. There will be six available times from which you can choose to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DIARMUID AND MAURA O'SCANNLAIN, who will be honored this Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral by our Archbishop, who will confer the honor of Knights and Ladies of St. Gregory.

DOWNTOWN CHAPEL CONNECTS: FINDING GOD IN THE POOR - The Downtown Chapel is offering high school and college students the opportunity to spend a day serving the poor and marginalized in old Town as well as exploring how this service is rooted in Christian faith and spirituality. We will spend part of the morning looking at the ways in which our faith calls us to serve the homeless and marginalized, and part of the morning connecting with those who live on the streets by welcoming people into our lobby for coffee and conversation. In the afternoon, we will share in guided reflection of our experiences that day and will have a guest who was formerly homeless come and speak with us about his life.

The Downtown Chapel Connects is a great opportunity for students to respond to the gospel's call to be in relationship with those who are on the margins of our society. We are now signing up groups (ranging from 5-10 students per group) to participate for the spring semester. For more information, please contact Kelli Aviles at (503)228-0746 x 29 or aviles@downtownchapel.org.

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.



ST. CLARE (K-8) SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE -

Discover St. Clare --- the westside's best kept secret!

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7 p.m., at the corner of SW 19th Avenue and Spring Garden Road.
RSVP (503)244-7600. www.stclarepdx.org.

On this day, our Lord and Savior was baptized by John in the Jordan; hence, this is not a small feast but a great and even very great one. For when our Lord condescended to receive baptism, the Holy Spirit came upon him in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice was heard saying: "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

What a great mystery lies in this celestial baptism! From heaven, the Father speaks out, the Son appears on earth, and the Holy Spirit manifests himself in the form of a dove. Indeed, there is neither true baptism nor real remission of sins where the truth of the Trinity is absent, and the remission of sins cannot be given where belief in the perfect Trinity is lacking. The baptism imparted by the Church is the sole true baptism and it is given just once.

Let a man immerse himself in it a single time and he will emerge pure and renewed; pure because he has washed away the stain of sins, and renewed because he rises to a new life after having put off the oldness of sin. For this bath of baptism renders man whiter than snow, not in his bodily skin but in the splendor of his spirit and the purity of his soul.

(Chromatius of Acquileia, Sermon 34, Christian Readings, vol. 6, Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1972, p. 107)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/ Matthew 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/ Psalm 116/ Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/ Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/ Psalm 40/ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalm 44/ Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Psalm 21:-2-7/ Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/ Psalm 40/ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3/ John 1:29-34



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,206.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$266.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Vince Deguc 11:00 a.m.: Jean and Bill Horton

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

**Baptism of the Lord
Matthew 3:13-17**

Today's reading tells about the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. By Baptizing Jesus, John lets everyone know that the Messiah is not coming, he is already here. When Jesus came up from the water he heard God's voice say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Describe a time when have you done something that revealed Christ's presence. Describe a time or situation when you have felt that God was pleased with you.