



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 20, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



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

TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, the Internet -- all are places people go to get news and entertainment. But what do we get, exactly, when we turn on "the tube" or log on to the Internet? As a result of your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholics and all media consumers have increased opportunities to find Gospel-grounded messages and resources to strengthen their families and their faith. Please contribute generously to CCC in today's collection. Half of all donations will remain in our archdiocese to fund local Catholic communication efforts. Visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org) for national program information. Thank you.

**2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING** - This weekend you will again 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**THE PAULIST FATHERS ARE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY.** The Paulist Fathers were founded in 1858 by Fr. Isaac Thomas Hecker, CSP. As part of that anniversary celebration the Paulists present ***ECUMENISM & INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE WORKSHOP*** by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP at the NW Paulist Center for Evangelization & Reconciliation, St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 2408 SE 16th Avenue, Portland, OR Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, January 26, 28 and 29th. See bulletin board for details or call 503-231-4955 or visit [www.nwpaulistcenter.org](http://www.nwpaulistcenter.org).

**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.



**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.

Faithful to his role as precursor, John the Baptist turns the attention of the people of Jerusalem away from himself. They are forced to inquire whom he means when he says: "There is one among you whom you do not recognize" (John 1:26). John himself is the "voice" of the "Word" whom he precedes (John 1:23).

According to Jewish tradition, the Messiah had to remain hidden until Elijah anointed him and publicly revealed him to Israel. On the day on which Elijah anointed his cousin Jesus he recognized him as Messiah and gave witness. He saw the Spirit of God come down upon Jesus in the Jordan. Enlightened by the Scriptures, he recognized in him the Lamb of God, the Servant of God chosen to baptize in the Spirit. "This is God's chosen One" (John 1:34).

In presenting Jesus the Fourth Gospel announces the baptism of death which he must receive to take away the sin of the world. But it also suggests Christ's superiority and divine pre-existence which are recognized by the Baptist. "He was before me" (John 1:30).

There are two ways in which the testimony of this gospel to Jesus Christ can be emptied of its meaning. We can raise Jesus up to the heavens, proclaiming him an inaccessible God whose salvation is confined to eternity. Or we can abase him, seeing in him nothing more than a compassionate human being. We can totally identify the Christ with neither earth nor heaven.

"Because of his infinite love he became what we are, in order to perfect us to be what he is."  
(Irenaeus of Lyons, Adv. Haer., V.praef.; cf. 2 Cor 5:21).

### LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/ Psalm 50/ Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37,40-51/ Psalm 144/ Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7/ Psalm 56/ Mark 3:7-12

Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16/ Psalm 117/ Mark 16:15-18

Saturday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8/ Psalm 96/ Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Isaiah 8: 23--9:3/ Psalm 27/ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/ Matthew 4:12-23

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$3, 075.50

**SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$304.00 Thank you.

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Barbara and Holly Taylor      11:00 a.m.: The Nisbet Family

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.

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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



### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 1:29-34**

In this Gospel, John proclaims Jesus as the Savior. He admits not knowing him at first but recognizing him after having a deep personal experience. John's witness is almost contagious, confirming the wise adage that faith is caught, not taught.

*When have you recognized Jesus in someone else? Have you ever recognized Jesus in someone you didn't expect to find him in? (Like someone who annoys you). Describe these experiences — what happened?*