



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 2, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	March 20	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	March 21	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	March 22	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	March 23	9:00 and 11:00 AM

On Holy Saturday there will be NO 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. There will be NO 8:30 AM daily Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, but there will be Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM.

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.**

EMBER DAY TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5- An Ember Day is a day set aside for voluntary prayer and fasting. Archbishop Vlazny instituted Ember Days in the Archdiocese of Portland in 2002 as a way for the church in western Oregon to reach out to and pray for the victims of child sexual abuse and their families.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour next Sunday, when Daylight Savings time begins.

CHRISM MASS -The annual Chrism Mass, during which the holy oils are blessed for use during the following year, will be celebrated by Archbishop John Vlazny at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17 at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

ST. ELIZABETH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

Saturday	March 8	11:00 A.M
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OTHER LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

St. Clare	Tuesday	March 11	7:00 P.M.
St. Philip Neri	Wednesday	March 12	7:00 P.M.
Our Lady of the Lake	Tuesday	March 18	7:00 P.M.



ALL ARE INVITED TO GATHER IN THE PARISH HALL after the 7:30 Easter Vigil Mass to continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection by breaking bread and sharing food. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the back of the church to indicate whether you would like to bring an hors d'oevre or dessert. Also, we need help with setting up, decorating, serving food and champagne, and cleaning up. Sign-up sheets are also available for helpers.

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 - Funded by our Simple Supper donations, St. Elizabeth Parish serves meals to the homeless twice a month through Transition Projects. 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.

"I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). The parables of Jesus propose the paradox of a faith perceived by the simple and disregarded by the wise.

Under the gaze of Christ, the light of the world, people choose either for or against him. Some pretend to see and know him. But they keep to their limited views, and it is by the measure of their narrow wisdom that they gauge the works of the divine envoy. If they refuse to believe in him, they can base their case only upon the blindness of their hearts: "We have no idea where this man comes from" (John 9:29).

The healed blind man knows only one thing: the man who opened his eyes must come from God. For him and for us, all of life depends upon this humble certitude. In spite of opposition, the newly sighted must look beyond the man and the prophet to the Son of God and the Lord. Only the totally free initiative of Jesus will allow this personal vision of faith. "You have seen him; he is speaking to you now" (John 9:37).

Through baptism the sinner is reborn from native darkness to the light of Christ. But the sinner must learn to see all things anew through the eyes of faith. Thus the whole Christian life is catechumenal; a slow climb through the shifting visions of this world, from the light received and imperfectly seen up to the total clarity of the day of Christ.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Isaiah 65: 17-21/ Psalm 30/John 4: 43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47: 1-19/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32: 7-14/ Psalm 106/ John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / Psalm 34// John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/John 7: 40-53

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalm 130/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45



CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2008 CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 8, 2008, 6:00 PM, Oregon Convention Center Ballroom

Includes Cocktail Reception, Dinner, Presentations, Dessert and Dancing

Featuring 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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Jim and Patti Carlin

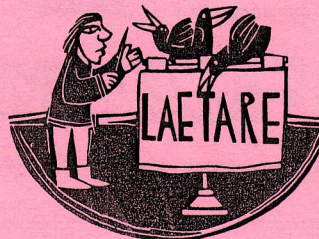
9:00 am.: Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 am: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND - \$3,290.00

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 of Lent

John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who was born blind. The Pharisees question the healing because Jesus performed the miracle on the Sabbath. The man is healed because of his faith in Jesus. The Pharisees don't seem to be aware of the amazing miracle that has happened! That a man who has been blind his entire life can suddenly SEE, because Jesus healed him! Instead, they are troubled about the laws of Moses -- that Jesus performed this healing on the Sabbath, thereby breaking those laws.

*Whom do you think we should be more like, the blind man or the Pharisee?
How would you be more like that person?*

*Today the elect (that is, those people who are going to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil) celebrate the second scrutiny as they follow the light of Christ.
How do you show you are a child of the light?*