



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**March 30, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



*Thank you to all who helped make Lent and Holy Week such a success! The choir, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers, decorators, hospitality group, and all who took part in the soup suppers, especially the cooks, and other helpers who have all contributed to a memorable celebration of Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord. Thanks much.*

*Fr. Jim*

**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.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - Please bring in your Rice Bowl contributions by April 6. Thank you.

**ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE - SAVE THE DATE!** - The St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble will be the afternoon of June 22nd at Wildwood Golf Course. More information will be out soon, or contact Greg Kaminski with questions (503 524-3837).

**THE CHURCH: ITS NATURE AND MISSION**, an eight week in-depth course in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office.

Location: St. Anthony Catholic Church - O'Reilly Hall  
9905 SW McKenzie Street, Tigard, OR

Instructor: Pat Bellamah

Dates: Thursdays - April 3, 2008 through May 1, 2008

Times: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit, plus required books. Bring your bible.

See bulletin board. Registration form available at [www.stanthonytigard.org](http://www.stanthonytigard.org) on the main page under 'Religious Education/Adult Faith Enrichment.'

**MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-35, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 11-13, 2008. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Joseph Nguyen, O.S.B., Abbey Director of Vocations, at (503)845-3226, or by email: [abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu](mailto:abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu)





"We have seen the Lord!" The risen Lord appeared to his disciples. Only Thomas was absent. Jesus showed them the wounds of his passion, shared with them his peace, and breathed on them the Spirit who would bring the work of salvation to fulfillment through them. But Thomas, who shared the experience only by hearsay, demanded physical proof.

We are surprised by his change of heart. Accepting the risk of faith is not easy. Thomas reminds us of ourselves with our need to touch. He mistrusts any claim upon his faith not rooted in daily experience. The Lord accepts this need. Eight days later he takes Thomas at his word and gives in to his demand, "Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!"

Shall we, the believers of the twenty-first century, remain unmoved by the liturgical celebration of the Easter season? Are we content simply to repeat, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed?" Thomas' experience must become ours. We must strive to make tangible the power of the resurrection in our lives. We must allow the power of the Lord to heal the wounds begotten by oppression. Our sense of wonder leaves us open to the surprise of faith. Thus we can believe in the seemingly impossible and do all we can to give flesh to our hope. May we so live that Jesus becomes for each of us, "my Lord and my God!"

### **LITURGICAL READINGS**

Today: Acts 2:42-47/ Psalm 118/ 1 Peter 1:3-9/ John 20:19-31

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Psalm 40/Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Psalm 93/John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Psalm 34/ John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Psalm 34/ John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Psalm 27/ John 1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Psalm 33/ John 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalm 16/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/ Luke 24:13-35

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 pm: Clayton and Carolyn Carter

9:00 am: Maureen and Don Binzer 11:00 am: The Myers Family Peggy and Karl Smith

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

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION TO DATE:** \$794.27

**COLLECTION FOR HOLY THURSDAY** (To be given to Rice Bowl): \$545.00

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:** \$616.00

**EASTER COLLECTION:** \$5,943.28 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

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### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**John 20:19-31**

Today's Gospel story is the very familiar one of "doubting Thomas." Jesus has been sentenced to death and crucified, and in this passage his followers are confused. They are afraid that the Jewish leaders might be looking for them and they don't know what to do or where to go! They don't understand what has happened or what it all means. As they hide in a locked room, Jesus suddenly appears to them! And they can't believe their eyes!

*What would be your reaction if you were locked in a room with some of your friends and Jesus walked in?*

*Tell about something you believe exists, even though you haven't seen it.*

*What does "peace be with you" mean?*