

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 9, 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 <u>NO</u> 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. There will be <u>NO</u> 8:30 AM daily Mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, but there will be Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass for a community gathering where we will continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection in breaking bread and sharing food.



HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT WEEK WITH PALM SUNDAY.

Please come 15 minutes early. Weather permitting, we will dothe blessing of the palms and procession outside the church.

TERWILLIGER BLVD. WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8:45 TILL 10:15 AM ON PALM SUNDAY.

MARCH 16, FOR THE ANNUAL SHAMROCK RUN - If you are coming to 9:00 AM Mass, please plan on coming early or taking another route.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE COLLECTION -On Palm Sunday, March 16, there will be as second collection for Catholic Relief Services, which supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditons for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS - You may remember a loved one in a special way by making a donation in their name for the purchase of Easter plants for the altar. Suggested donation is \$10.00. The names of those memorialized will be published forms are in the back of the church.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON COMING TO THE POST EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION, please sign up as soon as possible. It really helps to know how many people will be here and what you are bringing. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

To participate in the riitual of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday
To decorate, serve and help clean up after the Post Easter Vigil Celebration
Please sign up in if you can help.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - This Tuesday marks the last Tuesday of Lent when we gather for a Lenten prayer service followed by a simple meal of soup and bread. There will be no such gathering on Tuesday of Holy Week. If you would like to bring soup, please sign up in the parish hall. We have plenty of bread in the freezer. We are asking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. **Please sign up**.

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.

<u>OPERATION RICE BOWL</u> - Please bring in your Rice Bowls or Rice Bowl envelopes on Easter or the first two Sundays after Easter. Also, the Holy Thursday collection will be given to Operation Rice Bowl.

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.

The raising of Lazarus is the final sign, the final great miracle, in the Gospel of John. Paradoxically, even as the death of Lazarus works for the glory of God (John 11:4), his restoration to life leads to the death of Jesus (11:46-53). The battle lines are drawn for these final weeks of Lent. Death seems to conquer, but the dying itself holds the seed of life.

At the time of the Babylonian exile the people Israel seemed to be dead. The temple had been destroyed, the land laid waste, and the leaders of the people taken into captivity. But Ezekiel proclaims that the Lord will restore his people. Just as the Lord breathed the breath of life into the molded clay and Adam became a living being, so now the Lord sends his spirit into the dry bones of Israel that it may live.

The Lord restores his people to life. Jesus, in the power of God, restores Lazarus to life. But these events are only a figure of the gift of life which comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus. In him we have been freed from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). Baptized into his death, we believe that we will live with his life through the Spirit of God dwelling in us (cf. Romans. 6:3-11). "We are God's children now, what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalm 130/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45 Monday: Daniel 13, 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Psalm 23/ John 8:1-11

Tuesday: Numbers 21: 4-9/ Psalm 102/ John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Daniel 3:52-56/ John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/ Psalm 105/ John 8:51-59 Friday: Jeremiah 20: 10-13/ Psalm 18/ John 10:31-42

Saturday: Solemnity of St. Joseph, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a/ 12-14a, 16/ Psalm 89/

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Next Sunday: Passion (Palm) Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11/ Isaiah 50:4-7/ Psalm 22/

Philippians 2:6-11/ Matthew 26:14 through 27:66



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Patty Frahler and Bob Bently

11:00 am: Dave and Marge Hartmann

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND - \$4,883.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$468.75 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent John 11:1-45

Jesus learned that a friend of his named Lazarus had died. When Jesus arrived at the village, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha and Mary showed him the tomb, Jesus wept. Jesus then asked some of the onlookers to take away the stone from the entrance to the tomb, and then he prayed to his Father in heaven (he did this so that the people gathered would believe that it was the Father who had sent him). Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and he did.

Do you think that God will cry for as? Explain your answer. If we believe in God and have faith, we will see the glory of God. God is a loving God and is always creating HELP for as. Share ways you see this to be true.