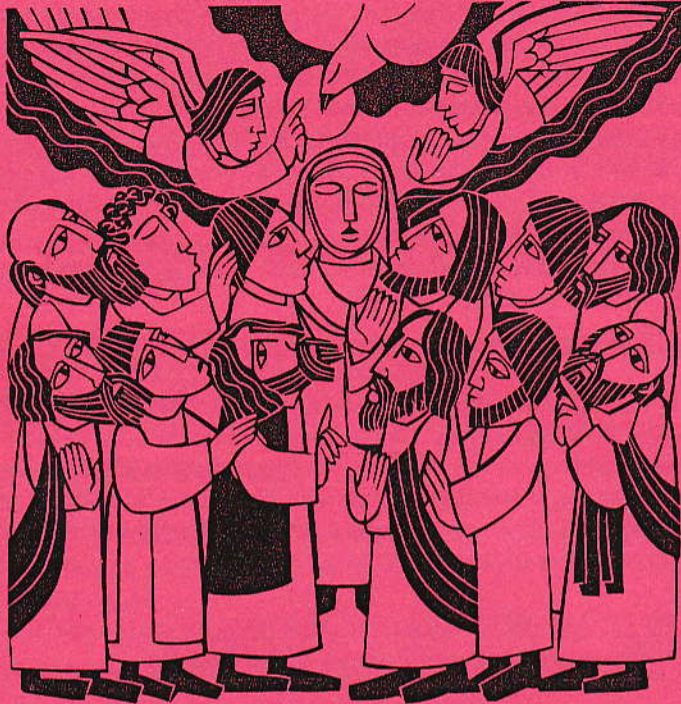


Come, Holy Ghost,
Creator blest.



PENTECOST
May 11, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

PENTECOST

"Do not be surprised that I tell you you must all be begotten from above . . . , but you do not know where it (the wind) comes from or where it goes" (John 3:7-8). Although Luke places the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, John places it on Easter night. Each one, then, has his own way of portraying the glorification of Jesus. For John, this glorification took place when he was raised up on the cross. For both, the Spirit is the fruit of the victory Christ won by his death and resurrection. Pentecost cannot be separated from Easter.

But why must the disciples receive the Spirit? From Luke's perspective, they must receive the Spirit to be able to speak to all in their proper language and thus inaugurate the universal mission of the Church. John does not say anything different, but he says it in a different way. The apostles are in the upper room with all the doors locked for fear of the Jews. They are afraid and their fear is contagious. They are attentive to every sound outside. They fear arrest. Suddenly, Jesus is there in their midst: "Peace be with you!" Peace is what they lack most in this atmosphere of anxiety. Jesus still carries the marks of his passion. He is there, alive and stronger than death. The doors which were once locked no longer hinder his mission.

The hour is no longer one of self-centered fear. Now is the time to allow the Spirit to shatter all barriers and lead the Church where God wills.

FIRST COMMUNION - Congratulations and blessings to Ben Blessington, Riley Elske, Isabel Garcia, Natalia Garcia, Max Glynn, Norah Glynn, Olivia Glynn, Peach Milton, William Nisbet, Clara Schwab, and Maria Laura Valerin, who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time last Sunday. We apologize for an error in listing the children's names in last week's bulletin. We thank Mary Nisbet and the mothers who assisted her in doing such a fine job of teaching the children, and Laurel Freeborg for her direction of the children's singing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO ARE GRADUATING. If you would like, please submit your names for recognition and inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful.

THE LEADERS OF OUR LENTEN FAITH-SHARING GROUPS MET WITH FR. JIM last week to review the program in which 78 parishioners came together once a week in seven different groups to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings and share their thoughts and concerns relative to the readings. It was reported that participants and leaders provided dynamic faith sharing where topics such as the spiritual world, death, divorce, anger, reconciliation, and cultural awareness were discussed. A real level of trust and sincere caring for one another was achieved through these small faith-sharing groups. Some comments from participants were, "*There was lots of trust built, faith-sharing was breathtaking and very prayerful.*" "*It was an intimate setting; we prayed together, held hands and formed a common bond.*" "*The blend of ages of people in the groups provided an interesting and thoughtful perspective on topics and booklet commentaries.*" We thank everyone who participated, especially the group leaders, and look forward to having everyone participate next year.

73RD ANNUAL SEMINARY TEA, May 14, 2008, 2-5 PM at the beautiful Dunthorpe home of Dr. and Mrs. Brian Shaffer. Complimentary valet shuttle service and free parking at Lewis & Clark College residence hall parking lot. Meet Archbishop John Vlazny and Bishop Kenneth Steiner. Tickets \$20 available at the door or mail check made out to Seminary Tea to Susan Welch, 18010 Skyland Circle, Lake Oswego 97034. Tea benefits the education of Portland Seminarians. Please make donation checks payable to the Archdiocese of Portland and designate for the Education of Seminarians studying for our Archdiocese.

ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE - SAVE THE DATE! - The St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble will be held at 2:00 pm, June 22nd at Wildwood Golf Course. Information and registration forms are available at the back of the church. Contact Greg Kaminski with questions (h: 503 524-3837, w:977-4570; email:gm.kaminski@vewrizon.net). *Start the summer with an enjoyable round of golf and a time to get to know friends at St. Elizabeth!*

SUMMER CONFERENCE 2008 - *Refresh, renew and refocus!* July 30- August 3, 2008
This year's theme . . . Building the Church. . . THE SPIRIT MOVING STILL
A retreat for all ages! Set on the beautiful campus of the University of Portland
5 days to experience your faith through study, prayer, and play for adults and children
See bulletin board or www.summerconf.org

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO HELP WITH TRANSITIONS PROJECTS ONCE A MONTH. PLEASE CALL JOAN AT 503-222-2168. THANK YOU!

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Pentecost Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/ John 20:19-23
Monday: James 1:1-11/ Psalm 119/ Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday: James 1:12-18/ Psalm 94/ Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Psalm 113/ John 15:9-17
Thursday: James 2:1-9/ Psalm 34/ Mark 8:27-33
Friday: James 2:14-24, 26/ Psalm 112/ Mark 8:34 through 9:1
Saturday: James 3:1-10/ Psalm 12/ Mark 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Most Holy Trinity. Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9/Daniel 3:52-55/
2 Corinthians 13:11-13/ John 3:16-18



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Carol and Vince Torchia

9:00 am: Jack and Ronnie Smith

11:00 am: Denise and Doug White

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$5,210.48 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

Pentecost

John 20:19-23

The Holy Spirit is Jesus with us here on earth. Because of our Baptism we, too, are disciples and are called to go out and spread the Good News. Actually, Jesus expects us to carry on his mission -- just like those first disciples. Jesus breathed on a group of frightened disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. This gift of the Spirit enabled them to go out and tell others about Jesus Christ and God's unconditional love for all people. Through our baptism and faith, we too are given graces and gifts, which we are called to share with others.

How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?

Jesus told his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Have you ever had a hard time forgiving or reconciling with someone? Were you able to reconcile? Describe what happened.