



**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 1, 2009**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



The prophet's mission is with power --- very impressive power. It is often accompanied by "signs and wonders." "Works of power," miracles and mystical experience are not things we expect to encounter, and from one point of view it isn't important whether we believe they happen or not. The point is that the difference between magic and miracle --- even if the event is exactly the same --- is the same as the difference between the fake and the true prophet, and the same goes for mystical phenomena. Never mind "how" they happen, or even if they do, their truth or falsehood lies in the fact that the "real" power, the power of the spirit, provokes faith . . . .

Christ is presented by the evangelists as both prophet and wonder-worker, and in every case he is shown using the power that was in him primarily to convert. He tells those who ask if he is "the one to come:" "The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news preached to them." These are his credentials, and their common denominator is that all these things provoke the act of self-giving which is faith. But, he adds, "blessed is he who is not scandalized in me."--- does not find me a stumbling block to faith. Because a work which offers the chance of salvation through faith also provides an opportunity for the refusal of salvation --- unbelief. The power that works wonders is dangerous as well as wonderful. It is a judgment. So Christ the wonder-worker offered these things as evidence of his salvation-bringing mission, but when he realized that people were treating his healings as wonders in the false sense --- as mere prodigies --- he reacted by telling the healed to keep it quiet. "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe," for works of power are signs only to those who have already "gone into the desert." These Jews wanted the power but they didn't like the desert.

(Rosemary Haughton, *The Transformation of Man*, Temple, 1967, pp. 132-134)

**POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!** This week our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event.

#### **ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009 - "Imitate Christ"**

Most past contributors to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal will receive a mailing from Archbishop Vlazny in the next few days. At all Masses next weekend, additional information will be provided in the bulletin. The Appeal provides funds to support essential parish-based ministries that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate solely on parish funds. Your support and prayers for the Archdiocesan church and all the people we serve are greatly appreciated.

**READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED** - We are in need of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers here at St. Elizabeth's for the weekend masses, and also Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to patients at OHSU. If you would like to help, please call the parish office. Training will be provided.

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$2,804.00

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN:** \$802.43 Thank you.



## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ Psalm 95/  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35/ Mark 1:21-28

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/  
Luke 2:22-40

Tuesday: St. Blaise Hebrews 12:1-4/ Psalm 22/ Mark 5:21-43

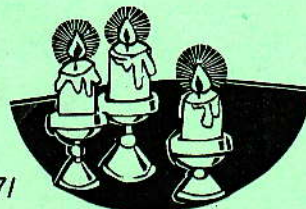
Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/ Psalm 103/ Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/ Psalm 48/ Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8/ Psalm 27/ Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/ Psalm 23/ Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 147/  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mark 1:29-39



## **RETROUVAILLE - A Catholic Ministry to Troubled Marriages**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together, and gives them new communication tools to break patterns of angry behavior. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

The next Retrouvaille weekend is February 13-15, 2009 at Mt. Angel Retreat House, Mt. Angel, Oregon. For information, call 503-285-2342 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). Couples of all faiths are welcome and no one is turned away due to financial difficulties.

## **TEAM UP FOR WATERSHED HEALTH**

**WHAT:** The University of Portland -- Archdiocese of Portland -- SOLV  
Planting Project at Goat Island

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** 225 Edgewater Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027 (See bulletin board for directions.)

**WHAT YOU'LL BE DOING:** Volunteers will remove invasive plants and plant native vegetation.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:** SOLV will provide tools, gloves, first aid kits, water, and technical assistance. Volunteers can bring tools and gloves of their choice.

**HOW:** Preregistration is strongly encouraged! Sign up online at: [www.solv.org/programs/forms/formteamupregistration.asp?eventName+Goat%20Island&EventDT=2/7/2009&EventID=14662](http://www.solv.org/programs/forms/formteamupregistration.asp?eventName+Goat%20Island&EventDT=2/7/2009&EventID=14662) or contact Brett Lyon, SOLV 503.844.9571, [brett@solv.org](mailto:brett@solv.org).

## **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 am: Barbara and Karl Wetzel 11:00 am: Dave and Marge Hartmann

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

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 1:21-28

In today's Gospel, while Jesus is teaching in the synagogue, an unclean spirit recognizes his authority but not his love. Tomorrow, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation when Joseph and Mary present Jesus at the temple. Simeon sees the love of God revealed in this infant, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and the glory of Israel (Luke 2:32). Simeon trusted in God's love.

*What voices are we listening to? Those who trust in God's love or those who don't?*

