



COME, ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY,
COME, FETCH WATER. IS 55.1

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord

The annual season of light draws to a close. January may be quite bleak in northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores, and communities regularly package their Christmas decor and store it away for eleven months. For the Church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all the loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery. It remembers one more aspect of Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding of the mystery of Jesus through the recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of his public life because the varied details of their accounts unveil his identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. He is the beloved Son.

These proclamations about Jesus summon us to fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history.



Catholic Communication Campaign
HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Communications Campaign.

RCIA classes will resume this Wednesday.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you wish to begin using envelopes and your name is not on the list, please take a numbered packet with a blank name and record your name.

POINSETTIAS - Please feel free to take home a poinsettia plant this weekend.

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. Couples of all faiths are welcome and no one is turned away due to financial difficulties.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Baptism of the Lord* Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/ Mark 1:7-11

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6/ Psalm 97/ Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12/ Psalm 8/ Mark 1:21-28

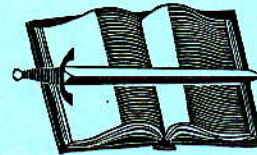
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18/ Psalm 105/ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14/ Psalm 95/ Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/ Psalm 78/ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16/ Psalm 19/ Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19/ Psalm 40/ 1 Corinthians 6:13C-15A, 17-20/ John 1:35-42



ALL SAINTS SCHOOL is now accepting applications for fall, 2009. All Open Houses at 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten - Tuesday, Feb. 3rd

Pre-K - Thursday, Feb. 5th

Grades 1-8, Tuesday, Feb. 24th

Pre-K/Kindergarten - Thursday, Feb. 26th

Registration materials available online at end of January <http://school.allsaintsportland.org>

601 NE 39th Ave., Portland, OR 97232

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ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL combines 50 years of academic excellence with a community that strives to help each child reach his or her greatest potential. Registration for the 2009-2010 academic year begins January 5th. Come visit and meet our administration and faculty at our K-8 Open House on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. We will also provide school tours on Thursday, January 15th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Application materials and further details regarding our school programs can be accessed through our website www.sjfschool.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 am: Mary Hulme and Joan Enright 11:00 am: Denise and Doug White

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

COLLECTIONS:

New Year's	\$2,013.00
Last Weekend	\$5,750.19
Simple Supper	\$ 832.00
Retirement for Religious	\$2,856.41

Thank you for your generosity.



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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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mark 1:7-11

Today's reading tells about the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. By baptizing Jesus, John lets everyone know that the Messiah is not coming, he is already here. When Jesus came from the water he heard God's voice say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Describe a time when you have done something that revealed Christ's presence.

Describe a time or situation when you have known that God is pleased with you.

