



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



Catholic Charities

Providing Help, Creating Hope

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2009 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - in the last year, Catholic Charities has had a 78% surge in families requesting basic assistance. Fortunately, Catholic Charities has its roots in times such as these. Founded 76 years ago in the midst of the Great Depression, it is considered one of the most efficient social services in the country. Now more than ever, private dollars are critical to Catholic Charities funding. You can make a difference with your contribution to the Catholic Charities 2009 Annual Campaign.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 4TH ANNUAL AFRICAN DINNER

Come, Taste Authentic African Cuisine and Music

Saturday, May 2, 2009. Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 pm Dance until 10:00 pm

Parish Hall, 2926 N. Williams Avenue

Dinner Tickets: \$50.00 Patrons, \$25 Adults, \$10 Children under 12 years old

Dinner includes dishes from Central, East, West Africa and USA

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Support our sister parish!

ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE - SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, June 14. Details will follow.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TIME TO REFRESH, RENEW, AND REFOCUS YOUR LIFE?

Join us July 29 through August 2 for Summer Conference 2009 - a retreat set on the University of Portland campus that welcomes families, singles, clergy and lay people of all ages for five days of study, prayer, and play. This year's theme, The Prophetic Call of Modern Christians, is presented by Paulist priest and Old Testament scholar, Fr. Larry Boadt, C.S.P. Complete details are available in the brochurh available online at www.summerconf.org.

YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION - April 19-23, 2009

Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm, Portland Center Stage

Erev of International Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah), honoring local survivors, with keynote speaker **Archbishop John G. Vlazny** of the Portland Catholic Archdiocese, introduced by Rabbi Emanuel Rose, followed by "Through My Mother's Eyes," a program of the poetry and remembrances of Alice Cahana presented by Rabbi Michael Cahana and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana with Yiddish art songs, accompanied by acclaimed pianist Janet Guggenheim.

See bulletin board for additional events or visit www.bethisrael-pdx.org/yom_hashoah.htm

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, come to "Cool Congregations: Climate Change and the Common Good" on April 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 3720 SE 79th Avenue. For more information call 503-233-8361.

LA SALLE COLLEGE PREPARATORY presents "Les Miserables" School Edition, April 18, 24, 25 and 26 at 7PM with a matinee April 19 at 2 PM. Adult tickets: \$14. Students and seniors: \$12. Reserve your seats at www.lshigh.org. Recommended for those 10 years of age and older.

"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 twentieth 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: *Second Sunday of Easter.* Acts 4:32-35/ Psalm 118/

1 John 5:1-6/ John 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/ Psalm 2/ John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/ Psalm 93/ John 37b-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 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14/ Psalm 89/ Mark 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ Psalm 4/ 1 John 2:1-5a/ Luke 24:35-48



COLLECTION FOR EASTER: \$7,473.35

HOLY THURSDAY: \$457.25 (to be given to Rice Bowl).

GOOD FRIDAY: \$623.05 (to be given to the Holy Land Collection). Thank you for your generosity.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Sonje and Ken Ernst

9:00 am: Vince Deguc 11:00 am: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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.

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

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

When Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, Thomas was absent. When the disciples told him about it, he refused to believe that the Lord had risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him, "Examine my hands, put your finger into the wound in my side, do not persist in your unbelief, but believe." Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We, who have not seen and have believed, have also been given new life by God.

Describe how you felt when you had to trust another person.

Describe an unexpected experience in your life that made you more aware of God's presence.