



**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

We read in the gospel that our Lord Jesus Christ was tempted in the wilderness by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, because Christ had taken his flesh from you to give you his salvation, his death from you to give you his life, his insults from you to give you his honor, and the temptations from you to give you his victory.

If we have been tempted in him, in him also we triumph over the devil. You are perfectly aware that Christ was tempted, but do you not see that he has carried off the victory? Recognize yourself in him in his temptation, recognize yourself in him in his victory. He could have prevented the devil from coming to him; but had he not been tempted how could he have taught us how to overcome temptation?

Moreover, there is nothing surprising in the fact that, harassed by temptations, he cried out from the end of the earth. But how is it that he is not overcome? "You will set me high upon a rock." From this we see who it is that is crying out from the earth's end. Remember the gospel: "On this rock I will build my church." She it is, then, who cries out from the earth's end, the Church whom he had wished to build on the rock.

(Augustine, Discourse on Psalm 60, *Christian Readings*, vol. 3, Catholic Book publishing Co., 1972, p. 217)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Kendra, Kerry, and Tuan, who will be baptized, Vanessa, who will be received into the Church, and Kurt, who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS On Tuesdays of Lent we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. If you would like to take part in any of the suppers, please sign up in the parish hall. We need volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. **CHOIR PRACTICE WILL FOLLOW.**

LENTEN READING MATERIALS are available in the back of the church. Please take only what you think you will use.

THE EMBER DAY for the Lenten Season will be on Wednesday, March 11. An Ember Day is one set aside for voluntary prayer and fasting. Ember Days were re-instituted in the Archdiocese of Portland by Archbishop John Vlazny in 2002 as days for prayer for victims of child sexual abuse and for their reconciliation with the Church.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009 - "Imitate Christ"

If you have not yet made a commitment, please take and complete a pledge envelope. Thank you for your generosity in participating in this important ministry.

LENTEN RETREATS AT MT. ANGEL ABBEY RETREAT HOUSE

March 6-8

Theme: *God's Wonderful Covenants*

Tuesday, March 11

Senior Citizen Day of Reflection

Theme: *Gathering and Scattering*

See bulletin board for details or call 503-845-3025 or email retreatatmtangel.edu.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *First Sunday of Lent.* Genesis 9:8-15/ Psalm 25/ 1 Peter 3:18-22/ Mark 1:12-15

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Lent.* Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Psalm 116/
Romans 8:31b-34/ Mark 9:2-10

OPERATION RICE BOWL As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn and give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones.

LENTEN PRAYER AND STUDY If you are interested in participating in a group during Lent that will reflect on prayer, self-assessment, and preparation for the celebration of Easter, please sign up in the back of the church.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,796.20 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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

Annual Celebration - Catholic Charities

Oregon Convention Center Portland Ballroom

March 14, 2009

Cocktails at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:30 PM

Followed by Presentations, Dessert and Music

Individual Tickets \$125.00, Table of 10, \$1,250.00

Call 503-231-4866 X117 for further information

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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

1st Sunday of Lent

The Sundays of Lent in this cycle rehearse the history of God's covenant-making with his people. On this first Sunday we hear of the covenant of God with Noah, the new creation begun after the great destruction of the flood. God will not be defeated by human weakness and failure. Although his children fail, he returns to establish his bond with them.

Jesus comes from the waters of the Jordan to seal once and for all in His blood the covenant of God with his people. In order to build the bridge between humanity and God, he became like us in all things except sin, tempted in every way as we are (Heb 4:15). Thus made one with us, he leads us back through the waters of death to new creation in his life. We then are witnesses to the new covenant, "the plan God was pleased to decree in Christ, to bring all things in the heavens and on earth into one under Christ's headship"(Eph 1:10).

