



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

It is quite clear that all Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of love, and by this holiness a more human manner of life is fostered also in earthly society. In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that, following his footsteps and conformed to his image, doing the will of God in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the life of so many saints.

The forms and tasks of life are many but holiness is one – that sanctify which is cultivated by all who act under God's Spirit and, obeying the Father's voice and adoring God the Father in spirit and in truth, follow Christ, poor, humble and cross-bearing, that they may deserve to be partakers of his glory. Each one, however, according to his own gifts and duties must steadfastly advance along the way of a living faith, which arouses hope and works through love.

(Vatican Council II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #40, 41, Costello, 1975, pp. 397-398)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION will taken next weekend.- In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. In addition to funding the important international relief work of **CRS**, **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to CRS, you give **HOPE to Jesus in disguise**.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Kendra Biller, Kerry Heisler, and Tuan Nguyen, who will be baptized, Vanessa Tomco who will be received into the Church, and Kurt Koudelka, 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.**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

St. Philip Neri	Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart	Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m.
St. Clare	Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lake,	Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED
AFTER THE 8:30 A.M. MASS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17.
THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 18 AFTER MASS.



LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Third Sunday of Lent. Exodus 20:1-17/ Psalm 19/ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/
John 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b/ Psalms 42 and 43/ Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Solemnity of St. Joseph. 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Psalm 89/
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 81/ Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalm 51/ Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent. 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23/ Psalm 137/
Ephesians 2:4-10/ John 3:14-21

THE BIG QUESTION *How do you get beyond hurt and anger and find peace of mind?*

The award winning documentary The Big Question tells stories of heroes who have overcome great hurts and become greater human beings. The film examines the scientific evidence of why forgiveness is good for you and talks with some of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time.

Saturday, March 21, 2009, St. Philip Neri Church, 2408 SE 16th Avenue

Presented by Fr. Frank Desiderio, C.S.P. (Executive Producer)

9:30 a.m.	Registration, Coffee and Welcome
10:00	Film Screening: The Big Question
11:00	Q & A/ Introduction
12:30	Break for Lunch
1:30 - 4:30	The Five Steps of Letting Go

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.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,990.46 **FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** \$426.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Maryla and Greg Kaminski 11:00 am: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

Third Sunday of Lent

John 2:13-25

When Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem, he saw that the Jewish people were misusing the temple by selling things in it, as though it was a marketplace. This made Jesus so angry that he knocked the tables over and drove the people out. The Jewish people asked why he had done this, that is "what sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews thought he was talking about the temple, but Jesus was actually talking about himself and his upcoming death and resurrection.

Why do you suppose Jesus was so angry? Do we always act like we should when we are in church?

