



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	April 9	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	April 10	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	April 11	8:00 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	April 12	9:00 and 11:00 AM

Lent is a time for reflecting on God's love for us. Love offered is not necessarily accepted. Everyone is free to say yes or no to the acceptance of love. Saying yes to the gift of God's love is opening ourselves to the experience of the cross. The cross brings suffering as well as resurrection. As the catechumens prepare to enter into the baptismal waters, they ready themselves to enter into the death-resurrection experience of the Lord. At a time of baptismal renewal, each one of us is called upon to recommit himself or herself to the acceptance of God's love as is symbolized in the cross.

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all things to myself." Moses lifted up the brazen serpent, and all those who looked on it were healed. Jesus was lifted up so that all who believed in him might have eternal life. Believing in the crucified Lord calls us to repentance and healing.

(From *Ashes to Easter*, The Liturgical Conference, 1979, p. 66)

CHRISM MASS Set for April 6 Archbishop John Vlazny will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception when the holy oils used for sacramental anointing are blessed. The oils will be distributed to all parishes and missions in the Archdiocese of Portland in western Oregon for use throughout the year. The Chrism Mass also celebrates the unity between the bishop and the priests of the diocese. All are invited, especially our catechumens, candidates, and sponsors.

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.

ALL ARE INVITED TO GATHER IN THE PARISH HALL after the 8:00 pm Mass to continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection by breaking bread and sharing food. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the back of the church to indicate whether you would like to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Also, we need a **coordinator** for the event and help with setting up, decorating, serving food and champagne, and cleaning up. Please sign up or call the parish office.

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.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalm 30/ John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Psalm 40/
Hebrews 10:4-10/ John 5:31-47

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106/ John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12:22/ psalm 34/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/ John 7:40-53

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51/ Hebrews 5:7-9/ John 12:20-33

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

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.

HOLY THURSDAY - If you would like to participate in the Holy Thursday rite of the Washing of the Feet, please call the parish office or sign up in the back of the church. We need at least six volunteers..

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION will be taken this weekend. When you donate to CRS, you give **HOPE to Jesus in disguise.**

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: \$3,285.95 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Patti and Jim Carlin

9:00 am: Karl and Barb Wetzel 11:00 am: Pat and Corky Fleck

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 3:14-21

In today's reading from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus telling Nicodemus, who is a Pharisee, that the "Son of Man" (Jesus) must be lifted up so that all who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. Jesus says God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus -- and that if we believe in Him, we will be saved. Jesus, who is the light, came into the world. Those who do evil work, hate the light, and do not come toward it. But those who live the truth, come to Jesus, and their actions are reflections of God.

*God's love for us is huge! How can you respond to such love?
What can you do to show God your thanks for his great gift?*