



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 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

"The whole world has run after him!" observe the Pharisees bitterly after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (John 12:19). On the eve of the last week of his life, the fourth gospel brings to a close the Book of Signs and opens the Book of Glory. Just as the arrival of the first disciples on the banks of the Jordan heralds the beginning of Jesus' signs (John 1:40-42), so the arrival of Greek disciples heralds the beginning of his glory. Far from being incidental extras, these foreigners signal the arrival of a significant moment. The "Hour" has come when Jesus, lifted up from the earth and glorified, will draw all people to himself. It is an hour of paradox, when all realities change meaning: to die is to live and to lose is to find. In order to bear fruit, the grain must decompose in the earth. From such a death will come the procession of nations foretold in Scripture for the last days: they will lift up their eyes to the tree of life.

"We should like to see Jesus!" Who today will enable us to "see" Jesus and to discover, in his death, the first-fruits of glorification? Who are the disciples who will serve as our intermediaries so that we can recognize the Son of Man? Will the "Greeks" of our time --- all those loyal people who seek a meaning for their lives -- find around them friends of Jesus to take them into his presence?

PALM SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND. Please plan to arrive at Mass 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time.

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. All are invited, especially our catechumens, candidates, and sponsors.

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..

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for longtime parishioner **Giorgina Olson** will be celebrated here at St. Elizabeth's on Friday, April 3 at 2:00 PM. May she rest in peace.

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.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fifth Sunday of Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51/ Hebrews 5:7-9/ John 12:20-33
Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Psalm 23/ John 8:1-11
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9/ Psalm 102/ John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9/ Psalm 105/ John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/ Psalm 18/ John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28/ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13/ John 11:45-56
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mark 11:1-10/ Psalm 22/ Philemon 2:6-11/
Mark 14:1 through 15:47

ALL ARE INVITED TO GATHER IN THE PARISH HALL after the 8:00 pm Easter Vigil 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.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food and place it in the basket in the parish hall. This food goes to Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry. The basket is left out at all times so that you can bring food any time it is convenient.

THIS TUESDAY WILL BE THE LAST LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER OF THIS LENTEN SEASON. The prayer service begins at 6:00 PM. Soup and Bread follows. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the parish hall. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES: St. Clare, Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Lake, Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Rice Bowls should be turned in by Sunday, April 19.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,273.25 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: David and Agnes Craford 11:00 am: Julie and Lee Steiner
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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12:20-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about resurrection, "I tell you that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat." These words are at the heart of our Faith. The grain of wheat is Jesus, himself, and it is His death on a cross that produces the "fruit" of everlasting life.

Think about someone that you think is unselfish. How have they made others happy by being unselfish?

What do you tend to "hold on to" rather than follow Jesus? (What do you need "to die to" or "let go of" to better follow Jesus?)

