



**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 8, 2009**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

"This is my beloved Son"

We can hear in the words an echo of Abraham's words as he offers the Father his only son. In the case of Christ, the Son has come and offered himself, but he has done so out of obedience and the desire to do the Father's will, thus counteracting the disobedience of Adam. For his obedience Christ is rewarded with the transfiguration; the latter becomes then the sign of the transfiguration every man will experience who chooses to walk the paths of God and do the Father's will.

The account of the transfiguration raises a number of problems, but these are not our concern here, since we intend to be faithful to our purpose, which is the liturgical reading of the Scriptures. In Cycle A the transfiguration was seen as resulting from the response to a call. On this second Sunday of Cycle B, the theme is somewhat different: now the transfiguration crowns the response to a call, but a response that includes the offering of sacrifice. This is the theme of the first reading, on the sacrifice of Abraham. It is also the theme of the second reading, in which St. Paul reminds us that God has handed over his own Son for our salvation. It is Christ's willingness to sacrifice himself that gives full meaning to the words, "This is my beloved Son."

(Adrian Nocent, O.S.B., *The Liturgical Year*, vol. 2, Liturgical Press, 1977, pp. 142-143)

**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, **Sloan Gracie Hefeneider**, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Ian and Linsey Hefeneider**.

**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.**

**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.

**SHAMROCK RUN** - **PLEASE NOTE:** Terwilliger Blvd. will be closed next Sunday, March 15, from 8:45 am to 10:15 am due to the Shamrock Run.

**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.



## LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10/ Psalm 79/ Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 122-13a, 17b-28a/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 103/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

**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:** \$4,278.00

**SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$542.00 Thank you.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 pm: Luginia Brooks

9:00 am: Patty Frahler and Bob Bently 11:00 am: The Nisbet Family

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.

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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

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel reading, Mark tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. While there, Jesus was transfigured and appeared with Moses and Elijah. Peter, being nervous and wanting to please Jesus, offered to make three tents -- one for each of them. Suddenly, they heard the voice of God proclaiming, "This is my beloved son. Listen to Him." When this was all done and the four were heading back down the mountain, Jesus made them promise not to tell anyone what had happened until he had risen from the dead.

*What do you think the word "transfigured" means?*

*If you were one of the disciples and saw this, what would your reaction be?*

*Do you think it was easy for the disciples to keep this secret? Why or why not?*

*Can you keep a secret when asked to?*