



ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 24, 2009

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated here at St. Elizabeth's at 8:30 am Monday, May 25. Also, the Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John G. Vlazny on Monday, May 25, at 10:00 am at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 333 SW Skyline Blvd., Portland. Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan will preside at the Annual Memorial Day Mass at Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery, 11666 SE Stevens Road, Happy Valley, also at 10:00 am..



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL - Today there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions, which supports religious education and seminary training to bring increased pastoral care to our home mission parishes.

PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE: Please check the list at the back of the church and mark OK if our parish registration information is accurate. For new registrations, corrections or additions, please fill out a parish census form on the same table as the lists. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who are graduating from high school, college and professional schools this year. If you have any family members who are graduating that you would like to include in the Prayers of the Faithful and the parish bulletin, please call the parish office.

10TH ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE, 2009, Sunday, June 14th, 2:00, rain or shine at Skamania Golf Course, Stevenson, WA. Flyers are available in the back of the church, or call Greg Kaminski at 503-524-3837.

2009 ARCHBISHOPS GOLF INVITATIONAL - The 2009 Archbishop's Golf Invitational is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2009, at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon. Golfers from around the Archdiocese are invited to put together one or more foursomes to represent their parish and/or Catholic school. A \$600 entry fee entitles four golfers to tee prizes, lunch, practice balls, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and the awards dinner. Prizes are plentiful in this scramble format event, and raise much-needed funds for our archdiocesan seminarians. Last year all team spots were sold out well in advance of the tournament, so to avoid disappointment, secure your spot and register early.

For more information visit www.archdpdx.org, or contact Doug Tollefson at the Archdiocese of Portland at 503-233-8336, or gift@archdpdx.org.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL has openings in their full day kindergarten program for the 2009-2010 school year. The program is well balanced in the academic, developmental, and social learning areas. For more information visit stmschool@stmpdx.org.

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/ Mark 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Psalm 68/ John 16:29-33

Tuesday: *Memorial of St. Philip Neri* - Acts 20:17-27/ Psalm 68/ John 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalm 68/ John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/ John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalm 11/ John 21:20-25

Sunday: *Pentecost* - Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/ John 20:19-23

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH - On Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm, St. Thomas More will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the parish hall, 3525 SW Patton Road, Portland, OR 97221. To donate blood and help save up to 3 lives, please call Jamie in the parish office at 503-222-2055.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,240.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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

Ascension of the Lord

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and tell everyone what I have taught you (proclaim the gospel). All who believe and are baptized will be saved. Those who will not believe will be condemned. After Jesus talked to the disciples he was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. The disciples went out and preached everywhere and the Holy Spirit worked with them and made them strong.

How can you spread the gospel?

Will you spread the gospel?

