



"Beloved, we are God's children now!"

1 John 3:1-2

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2009 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - In the midst of the Great Depression, Catholic Charities was founded to respond to those in crisis. Today the challenge is as great to meet those in need. There are still envelopes available in the pews for those who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute. Please be generous. Thank you.

MEMBERS OF THE SEMINARY TEA COMMITTEE are cordially inviting all the members of the Archdiocese and the Portland Community to greet Archbishop John Vlazny and Bishop Kenneth Steiner at the 74th Annual Seminary Tea, on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Maletis, in the West Hills of Portland. Free parking and complimentary shuttle service will be provided from 5319 Westgate Drive. Follow the signs at the Sylvan Exit off Hwy. 26.

The tea is a fund raising event that assists with the financing of the education of our Archdiocesan seminarians. Tickets are \$20 per person, and will be available at the door the day of the tea. For advance tickets you may send your check to The Seminary Tea Committee, Mrs. Carla Loughlin, 10515 SW Terwilliger Place, Portland, OR 97219. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information contact Pat McDonald, Tea Chair at 503-699-5832 or email her at pat@scare.org.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest members of the Christian community. **Keagan Vargas-Bozo Duffy** will be baptized this Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, **Shawn and Angelica Duffy**.

At the 11:00 am Mass, **Gwendolyn Grace Kacmarynski**, daughter of **Kevin and Jennifer Kacmarynski**, will be baptized. Our prayers and best wishes to the family.

10TH ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE, 2009

When: Sunday, June 14th, 2:00, rain or shine

Where: Skamania Golf Course, Stevenson, WA

Format: 9-hole "scramble" plus your 12" tape

Deadline: May 25, or the first 24 paid registrations, whichever comes first.

(May 25 is also the deadline for cancellation refunds.)

Fee: \$36 - includes green fee and cart (required) and money for prizes. Dinner not included.

See bulletin board for details about food.. For questions, call Greg Kaminski (h: 524-3837,

w: 977-4570; or email: gm.kaminski@verizon.net

NEXT WEEKEND, ON MOTHER'S DAY, flowers will be available for sale to support **MOTHER AND CHILD EDUCATION CENTER**, formerly Birthright.

THE SISTERS OF REPARATION OF THE SACRED WOUNDS OF JESUS joyfully invite you to join them in a celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of the community's foundation. Ceremonies will be held on the morning of Sunday, May 31st at St. Anthony's Parish, 3600 SE 79th Avenue, Portland, one block south of Powell Blvd. There will be a special musical presentation by the Ave Maria Chorus starting at ten o'clock. At 10:30, the Sisters will renew their vows during the Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Vlazny. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall and continue until 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

First, there is the church First, there is the church. **FIRST, THERE IS THE CHURCH.** This is not a typographical error. It has to be repeated (more times than above) because of a more fundamental error in our past and in our present. Christians simply cannot think straight or act right about any type of ministry **WITHIN THE CHURCH**, unless we first get some very wrong notions out of our heads and hearts and bones and marrow.

Somewhere along the line, we fell into an unbiblical and unChristian trap. And we got the idea that ministers come first, the clergy comes first . . . and only then the church. We got the crazy idea that God makes bishops (including the pope) first, and then the bishops and priests somehow create the church, the community of believers. We never put it that crudely. But that is about the way many of us think . . . and act.

Now we have to clear the air and begin to understand and feel again what was understood and felt for so long: that God covenants a people, a church, a community of initiated (baptized, confirmed, eucharistized) people. That is the grand and beautiful reality of grace and mission and sign - a people created in covenant worship to witness and to serve. That is what we have to get into our heads and bones and feelings again. Until we do, nothing we say about any ministry will make Christian sense.

Ministries come into existence because this church, this people, has need of servants for specific tasks and with specific talents. The number, type, character of such servants, or ministers, will vary from time to time as the needs of the church may change. But always the great encompassing reality is the church --- the community of sisters and brothers ---created by God to serve God's world.

(Robert W. Hovda, *There Are Different Ministries*, The Liturgical Conference, 1975, p. 1)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Acts 4:8-12/ Psalm 118/ 1 John 3:1-2/ John 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Psalms 42 and 43/ John 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Psalm 87/ John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 through 13:5a/ Psalm 67/ John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Psalm 89/ John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Psalm 2/ John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Psalm 98/ John 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/ Psalm 22/ 1 John 3:18-24/ John 15:1-8



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,004.99 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Peggy and Joe Wood; 9:00 am: _____ 11:00 am: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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 Easter

John 10:11-18

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" and then goes on to tell how a good shepherd will lay down his life to protect his sheep. A man who is hired to look after the flock is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, and he will run away and leave the sheep if a wolf attacks the flock. The hired man works for money and will not risk his life for something that does not belong to him. Jesus then says, "I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just like my Father knows me and I know my Father. I will give up my life for my sheep. I have other sheep that are not here but I must gather them and bring them together. They will hear my voice and come. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Think about someone whom 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?)