

PENTECOST MAY 31, 2009

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

<u>FOOD SUNDAY</u> - 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.

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.

<u>A JOYFUL WELCOME</u> to the newest members of the Christian community: **Nolan Michael Eilers** will be baptized this Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, **Greg and Kristen Eilers.**

At the 11:00 am Mass, Allie Jo Warren, daughter of Garth and Melissa Warren, will be baptized. Our prayers and best wishes to the family.

<u>PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE:</u> 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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES: If you ride for pleasure, commute or race; if you ride an old or new bike, if you just started or have ridden a bike for years, you are invited to the Blessing of the Bikes. The blessing will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's) NW 18th and Couch, Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 2 to 2:30 pm. (Rain or Shine). More information at 503-228-4397.

Thank you to all who remembered the anniversary of my ordination.

Fr. Jim

Pentecost

"Do not be surprised that I tell you you must all be begotten from above . . . , but you do not know where it (the wind) comes from or where it goes" (John 3:7-8). Although Luke places the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection, John places it on Easter night. Each one, then, has his own way of portraying the glorification of Jesus. For John, this glorification took place when he was raised upon the cross. For both, the Spirit is the fruit of the victory Christ won by his death and resurrection. Pentecost cannot be separated from Easter.

But why must the disciples receive the Spirit? From Luke's perspective, they must receive the Spirit to be able to speak to all in their proper language and thus inaugurate the universal mission of the Church. John does not say anything different, but he says it in a different way. The apostles are in the upper room with all the doors locked for fear of the Jews. They are afraid and their fear is contagious. They are attentive to every sound outside. They fear arrest. Suddenly, Jesus is there in their midst: "Peace be with you!" Peace is what they lack most in this atmosphere of anxiety. Jesus still carries the marks of his passion. He is there, alive and stronger than death. The doors which were once locked no longer hinder his mission.

The hour is no longer one of self-centered fear. Now is the time to allow the Spirit to shatter all barriers and lead the Church where God wills.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8/ Psalm 112/ Mark 12: 1-12 Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14/ Psalm 112/ Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17/ Psalm 25/ Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/ Psalm 128/ Mark 12:28-34

Friday: Tobit 11:5-17/ Psalm 146/ Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20/ Tobit 13:2, 6-8/ Mark 12:38-44

Sunday: Most Holy Trinity - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40/ Psalm 33/ Romans 8:14-17/

Matthew 28:16-20

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,424.26 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am:

11:00 am:

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

Pentecost John 20:19-23

Today's Gospel reading from the Book of John tells us how on Sunday evening (the same day the women had been to the tomb of Jesus), the disciples were gathered in an upstairs room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Then Jesus came and stood in the room and said, "Peace be with you," and he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, "Peace be with you! As God has sent me to you, now! am sending you to others." Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

How do you think Jesus got into the room if the doors were locked?

Why do you think Jesus said, "Peace be with you?" Is this phrase familiar to you?

Where have you heard it? What does it mean to you?

Why do you think that Jesus shows the disciples his hands and side?