



FEBRUARY 14, 2010

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Mass, with distribution of ashes, will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING There is still time to sign up for Lenten Small Group Faith Sharing. Groups will meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. after Soup and Bread Supper, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church, or call the parish office to sign up.

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. **We need volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.**

CHOIR PRACTICE There will be no choir practice this Tuesday, February 16. It will resume Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. following the Lenten Soup and Bread Supper.

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL - Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2010 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Thank you to those who responded. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

IMMIGRATION REFORM - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a postcard campaign to Congress in support of immigration reform. It is anticipated that immigration reform could be considered in 2010. Postcards are available at the back of the church.

Names of Senators: Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley (Choose both).

Names of Representatives: David Wu, Greg Walden, Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer, Kurt Schrader. (Choose one.)

VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOU! We need more ministers to take Communion to patients at OHSU. Training is provided. If you can help once a week, once every two weeks, or even once a month the patients would greatly appreciate it. Call the parish office or sign up in the back of the church.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY - The Directory will be finalized soon. For questions call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

MINISTRY FORMATION - Archdiocesan course and retreat schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Registration by mail, fax, phone or Internet <http://minfrm.archdpdx.org>.

PARISH MISSION - "Living Lent." - March 8-10, 2010, Monday-Wednesday from 7 to 8 PM, St. Anthony Church, Tigard, presented by Deacon Owen Cummings. aschmidt@stanthonytigard.org.

"Happy are you." Our consumer society claims to give us happiness, but we know very well that it is incapable of doing so. The beatitudes present a wholly different perspective. To the poor, to the hungry, to those who weep and are rejected, Jesus declares: "Happy are you." To the rich, to the powerful, to the satisfied, to the clever, he declares: "Woe to you."

Those who recognize that God is their only hope will be satisfied beyond measure; whereas those who presume that the sustenance of their lives depends on their own achievement are doomed to fail.

The church in our day cannot afford to support the false hope of a consumption-oriented society. Wealth and power, money and armaments, will not bring life and happiness. Only those who seek the kingdom of God will find all else besides (Luke 12:31). "Better is the scanty store of the just than the great wealth of the wicked, for the power of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord supports the just" (Psalm 37:16-17).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jeremiah 17:5-8/ Psalm 1/

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20/ Luke 6:17, 20-26

Monday: James 1:1-11/ Psalm 119/ Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: James 1:12-18/ Psalm 94/ Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. Joel 2:12-18/ Psalm 51/ 2 Corinthians 5:20 through 6:2/

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalm 1/ Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14/ Psalm 86/ Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent. Deuteronomy 26:4-10/ Psalm 91/ Romans 10:8-13/

Luke 4:1-13

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CELEBRATION will be held February 27, 2010 in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by presentations, dessert and music. Individual tickets - \$125; table of 10 - \$1,250. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, call 503-231-4866, ext. 117.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,790.26 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$604.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Kay Fagan and Mary Hulme

11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus talked to his friends one day about how to be happy. He tells us that the best way to find happiness is to love God and to count on him. We must put all our trust in him alone. When we have more than we need, we must trust that if we share it with others, God will continue to take care of us and bless us.

What makes you happy?

What are some things you can do that might make someone else feel happy?

When have you felt blessed by God?

How did you feel when someone laughed at you or made fun of you?

What have you told people that might make you a fisher of men?