

April 3, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	April 21	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	April 22	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	April 23	8:00 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	April 24	9:00 and
			11:00 AM

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVCES COLLECTION

This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. In light of the tragedy in Japan, CRS funds will be allocated to Japan relief as well as for other disaster relief and development projects in the poorest areas of the world. We ask that you be as generous as possible.

<u>A JOYFUL WELCOME:</u> This weekend we welcome two new members to the Christian community: Aisling Vargas-Bozo Duffy, who will be baptized this Saturday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Sean Duffy and Angelica Vargas-Bozo Duffy.

Vance Carter Williams, son of Jacob and Emily Williams, who will be baptized this Sunday. Congratulations and prayers to his parents, Jacob and Emily Williams.

<u>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS</u> Please remember to pray for all in our RCIA program this year: Patti Bucher, Brent Carreau, Grant Gilray, Chris Hoglund, Teresa Knofler, and Kevin Kriesien.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Tuesday, April 5 Saturday, April 9 Tuesday, April 19 Tuesday, April 12 Wednesday, April 13 St. Clare Sacred Heart Church Our Lady of the Lake St. Anthony, Tigard St. Elizabeth 7:00 PM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM **7:00 PM**

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS On Tuesdays of Lent, we gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. We need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON? WHAT IS DIFFERENT? Muslim Jewish Catholic Come and hear for yourself!

Prayer Panel "Our Traditions": Imam Shahriar Ahmed, Rabbi David Kominsky, Fr. Michael Evernden

Carvlin Hall, St. Philip Neri Parish, 2408 SE Division, Sunday, April 3, 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM

"I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind" (John 9:39). The parables of Jesus propose the paradox of a faith perceived by the simple and disregarded by the wise.

Under the gaze of Christ, the light of the world, people choose either for or against him. Some pretend to see and know him. But they keep to their limited views, and it is by the measure of their narrow wisdom that they gauge the works of the divine envoy. If they refuse to believe him, they can base their case only upon the blindness of their hearts: "We have no idea where this man comes from" (John 9:29).

The healed blind man knows only one thing: the man who opened his eyes must come from God. For him and for us, all of life depends upon this humble certitude. In spite of opposition, the newly sighted must look beyond the man and the prophet to the Son of God and the Lord. Only the totally free initiative of Jesus will allow this personal vision of faith: "You have seen him; he is speaking to you now" (John 9:37).

Through baptism the sinner is reborn from native darkness to the light of Christ. But the sinner must learn to see all things anew through the eyes of faith. Thus the whole Christian life is catechumenal: a slow climb through the shifting visions of this world, from the light received and imperfectly seen up to the total clarity of the day of Christ.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: <u>Fourth Sunday of Lent.</u> 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23/ Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/ Psalm 30/ John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106/ John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/ Psalm 34/ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/ John 7:40-53
Next Sunday: <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent.</u> Ezekiel 37:12-14/ Psalm 130/ Romans 8:8-11/ John 11:1-45

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 AM: Jean and Bill Horton If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,895.65 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man who was born blind. The Pharisees question the healing because Jesus performed the miracle on the Sabbath. The man is healed because of his faith in Jesus. The Pharisees don't seem to be aware of the amazing miracle that has happened: that a man who has been blind his entire life can suddenly SEE, because Jesus healed him! Instead, they are troubled about the laws of Moses – that Jesus performed this healing on the Sabbath, thereby breaking those laws.

Whom do you think we should be more like, the blind man or the Pharisee?

Today the elect (that is, those people who are going to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil) celebrate the second scrutiny as they follow the light of Christ. How do you show you are a child of the light?