

## LENT IS FAST APPROACHING US.

Ash Wednesday is March 9th. St. Elizabeth Church will continue with our Lenten small group faith sharing sessions again this year. These have been well received over the past few years and many parishioners find the small groups a valuable resource as part of their Lenten journey.

I am organizing the small groups sessions and I am right now looking for Group Leaders who will host a small Lenten group (5 to 10 people) in their home or at the church little house weekly during Lent. If you are interested in participating as a group leader you select the best day/time of each of the 6 weeks of Lent. The group meeting is generally one hour once a week. There will be resources such as a Lenten small faith group guide booklet for those of you and your group members who wish to use it.

Please let me know via email if you would like to be a Group Leader. We need you and appreciate your time for assisting in this important discipleship.

Sincerely,

Patty Frahler pattyfrahler@hotmail.com

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

St. Mary's Cathedral, 6:30-7:30 pm, February 8, 2011, 1739 NW Couch The service will be held on the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was sold into slavery as a child in Sudan, but through the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity and others, won her freedom. There is an effort to have St. Josephine recognized as the Patron Saint for this cause. For questions and further information call Brian Willis at 503-243-5848 or <u>BWillis@taskforce.org.</u>

MISSING PYXES - If you have borrowed a pyx to take the Eucharist to someone, please return it soon. Our Hospital Ministers are in need of them.

**RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL**, considered by many to be one of the most significant Jewish theologians of the 20th century, is the topic of a talk set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, at St Mary's Cathedral in Portland. Rabbi Michael Cahana of Temple Beth Israel will give the presentation about Rabbi Heschel, who sought to address and challenge the whole person, cultivating a rare human phenomena --- the holy man. The talk is part of the Tuesday evening series on faith at the cathedral.

**FOOD SUNDAY** - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish food bank to help feed the hungry.

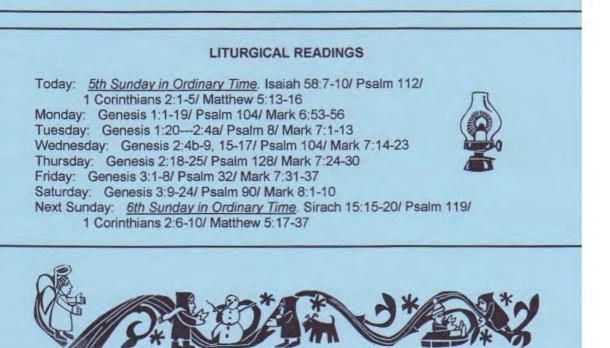
**SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION** will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind by either country, speech, or customs; the fact is, they nowhere settle in cities of their own; they use no peculiar language; they cultivate no eccentric mode of life. Certainly, this creed of theirs is no discovery due to some fancy or speculation of inquisitive men; nor do they, as some do, champion a doctrine of human origin.

Yet while they dwell in both Greek and non-Greek cities, as each one's lot was cast, and conform to the customs of their country in dress, food, and mode of life in general, the tenor of their way of living stamps it as worthy of admiration and admittedly extraordinary. They reside in their respective countries, but only as aliens. They take part in everything as citizens and put up with everything as foreigners. Every foreign land is their home, and every home a foreign land. They marry like all others and beget children; but they do not expose their offspring. Their board they spread for all, but not their bed.

They find themselves in the flesh, but do not live according to the flesh. They spend their days on earth, but hold citizenship in heaven. They obey the established laws, but in their private lives they rise above the laws. They love all men, but are persecuted by all. They are unknown, yet are condemned; they are put to death, but it is life that they receive. They are poor, and enrich many; destitute of everything they abound in everything. They are dishonored, and in their dishonor find glory. They are calumniated, and are vindicated. They are reviled, and they bless; they are insulted and render honor. Doing good, they are penalized as evildoers; when penalized, they rejoice because they are quickened into life.

(The Epistle to Diognetus, Ancient Christian Writers, vol. 6, Paulist, 1948, pp. 138-139)



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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.

<u>Reconciliation:</u> Saturday at 3:00 p.m. <u>Baptism</u> and <u>Anointing of the Sick:</u> Please call the parish office. <u>Marriage:</u> 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



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