

"The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom and she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."

March 13, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENTEN PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the back of the church. Please take only what you will use.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS On Tuesdays of Lent, beginning March 15, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. We need volunteers to help with clean-up this Tuesday. In upcoming weeks we will need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER If you can sing or play an instrument please consider joining the group. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Practices will be held Tuesdays, March 15th through April 12th from- 7:15 to 8:45 PM; and on Tuesday, April 19th (Last practice) from 6:30 to - 8:30 PM.

EMBER DAY. Archbishop John Vlazny has announced that Wednesday, March 23 is an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting. The intention of this Ember Day is for effective faith formation of children and adults.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed. Observance of the Ember Day is encouraged, but not obligatory.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2011 entitled "Behold the Lamb of God"

Presented by Fr. Charles J. Brunick, CSP, Pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish and Director of the NW Paulist Center for Evangelization and Reconciliation in Portland. Ordained in 1970, he spent 20 years as a campus minister and parish pastor in Texas, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Utah. Since 1990 he has been working in various Paulist evangelization ministries in Grand Rapids, MI, Chicago, IL, and now Portland, mostly preaching missions, teaching and training parish leaders in the formation of evangelization teams, developing strategies for inviting and welcoming dormant Catholics, and reaching out to the unchurched. The mission will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14-16. Morning Sessions: 9:15 to 10:15 AM; Evening Sessions 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more information, call Deacon Art Schmidt, 503-636-4179, x131or email at aschmidt@stanthonytigard.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION, presented by Providence Health & Services will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center. The Annual Celebration is the most important fundraising event of the year for Catholic Charities, and presents an opportunity to reconnect with friends and noted members of the Catholic community. Net proceeds from the event directly benefit the programs of Catholic Charities in the Portland metropolitan area. The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., with presentations, dessert and music immediately following. Individual tickets are \$125.00, tables of 10 are \$1,250.00. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please contact Kathy Thomas at 503-688-2628 or e-mail her at kthomas@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.

We begin the forty-day Lenten journey in the desert where the new Adam becomes freer as the conscience becomes sharper. United with all who are suffering from famine and oppression, Jesus, the new Moses, relives the forty years of Israel's struggle in the solitude of the exodus. Through the descriptive narration of this ordeal, the evangelists suggest that Jesus, true God and true man, was tempted by Satan throughout his life.

Jesus' mission is the focus of his adversary 's attack. Would he be able to accept being poor, ignored and weak? Would he be able to refrain from selling short the reality of his incarnation by using miracles, force and seduction as if he were superhuman? Would he be the Servant-Son according to the heart of God, or Prometheus, relying upon his own power to steal fire from heaven? Every time Jesus felt in his heart the temptation to be a worldly messiah, he rejected it, relying solely on the word of God. He fled the crowds who clamored for his marvels and wished to make him king. He rebuked Peter who came between him and the way to his passion. Jesus wished to drink the bitter cup of his death, not to save himself once he was nailed upon the cross.

This stands as a strong judgment against many of our choices, our appetite for consumerism, our solicitation of profit and our unbridled ambition. How can we set priorities at the beginning of Lent without contemplating Jesus who is turned toward the one source of all his actions, the word of God?

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Lent. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Psalm 51/Romans 5:12-19/

Matthew 4:1-11

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 51/ Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Psalm 138/ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Psalm 130/ Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Psalm 89/ Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Next Sunday: <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>. Genesis 12:1-4a/ Psalm 33/ 2 Timothy 1:8b-10/ Matthew 17:1-9

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Jim and Patty Carlin

9:00 AM: Vince and Bev Deguc 11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,759.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$292.15 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

Frager for the good of the soul

Fasting for the good of the body

Alms giving for the good of our neighbor

