

EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 8, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Happy Easter!

Thank you to all who helped make Lent and Holy Week such a success! The choir, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, ushers, decorators, hospitality group, and all who took part in the soup and bread suppers, especially the cooks and other helpers who have all contributed to a memorable celebration of Holy week and the Resurrection of the Lord.

Thanks much, Fr. Jim

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Thank you to all who have participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. Please return your Rice Bowls to the basket in the back of the Church by next Sunday, April 15.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S SEMINARY TEA will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Portland Golf Club, 5900 SW Scholls Ferry Road.

THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 24th at Skamania. Registration and all the details are on a form in the church lobby, or you can contact Dick Adkisson for more information at 503.297.2455, or Rcadkisson@aol.com.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH would like to invite you to our Spring Renewal, a Mission with Fr. Michael Fones. Come join us as Fr. Michael shares his thought- provoking perspective on:

Finding Faith in Relationship - Monday, April 23 at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Finding Your Purpose - Tuesday, April 24 at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm.

No registration required. Visit our website for more information: <u>www.stmpdx.org</u> or call Jamie Bonn at 503-222-2055. Our address is 3525 SW Patton Road, Portland, OR 97221. See you there.

THE EASTER EDITION OF THE WORD AMONG US is available in the back of the Church. It contains the Mass readings from April 8 through May 31 along with daily meditations.

When Christians are asked the meaning of Easter, they refer to the resurrection of Jesus. It is the day for telling the wondrous story. Mary Magdalene saw the stone moved away, Peter went in and saw the wrappings on the ground, and the beloved disciple saw and believed. The faith of contemporary believers builds on their testimony. It is our festival of life, for the boldness of God's love snatched victory from the jaws of death. Our memories and rituals unite us with that event which was so disconcerting, marvelous and liberating.

Sunday after Sunday, and especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once-upon-a-time event. We bless and share a meal that shapes us as the Body of Christ. We sing alleluias and say the good news still takes flesh in our world. We color eggs and enjoy feasts without need of a rational explanation. The pull to dress finely may be marred by commercialism or a drive for status, but we know our winter has passed and new life is here. In these and in so many other ethnic customs, we renew life just as we renew our baptismal commitment. More correctly, we rest in awe before the One who renews life and provides the possibility of commitment.

The reading from Colossians highlights still another dimension of this day. Implicit within all these celebrations, there is a sense of future. We can be intent on "thinks above rather than on things of earth." Easter is a promise of the endtime. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord. Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Psalm 118/

Colossians 3:1-4/ John 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Psalm 16/ Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/ Psalm 33/ John 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/ Psalm 105/ Luke 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/ Psalm 8/ Luke 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/ Psalm 118/ John 21:1-14 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/ Psalm 118/ Mark 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter. Acts 4:32-35/ Psalm 118/ 1 John 5:1-6/

John 20:19-31

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,222.30 SIMPLE SUPPER: \$243.82 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Patricia Krajeck

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

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., Pastor 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

John 20:1-9

Today we hear John's account of the Easter story. Mary Magdalene, Peter and John arrive at the empty tomb and accept, without question, the mystery of Jesus' resurrection. They saw and believed that He was the Messiah – the Son of God! Like the three friends at the tomb on Easter morning, we "see and believe!"

Name a time in your life when something good came out of a seemingly hopeless situation. When were your first impressions of a person or situation proven to be wrong?

