



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 20, 2012**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

124th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Archbishop John G. Vlazny will offer Mass at Mount Calvary's Altar Garden, 333 SW Skyline Blvd. Portland, OR 97221

Monsignor Dennis O'Donovan will offer Mass at Gethsemani's Chapel, 1666 SE Stevens Rd., Happy Valley, OR 97086

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2012 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - *Be the Good Samaritan* -- When we reach out to love our neighbors as Christ taught, we are living the mission of the Good Samaritan. Together, we demonstrate that mission to care for our neighbors through the programs of Catholic Charities. Your gift helps children and their mothers, homeless women, at risk youth and thousands of others in crisis. Envelopes can be found in the pews. If you missed the collection taken last weekend, you may mail your contribution directly to Catholic Charities. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, the spirit of the Good Samaritan lives on.

FIRST COMMUNION - David Fast, Griffin Galbraith, Ava Hagen, Sami Knofler, Mirabelle Limon, John Paul Nisbet, and Samantha O'Leary will receive their First Communion this Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE. We are happy to report that the sale generated \$350 for the Mother and Child Education Center, formerly known as Birthright.

ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH, located at SE 16th & Division Streets, will begin their Centennial year on Saturday, May 26 at the 4 PM Vigil Liturgy. Archbishop John Vlazny will be the celebrant along with the Paulist Fathers. A reception will follow in Carvlin Hall. Other events are planned throughout the coming year and will be announced on the website www.sphilipneripdx.org.

WE CARE - On the weekend of May 26-27, "*We Care*," a local organization of 5 or 6 ladies, will have on display at St. Elizabeth's sample layettes. These layettes are created by the women to be given to mothers in need. Many of the items are hand-knitted or hand-sewn. If you are interested in helping or supporting the project in any way, please call the parish office.

RETROUVAILLE, A Lifeline for Married Couples

Upcoming *Retrouvaille* Weekend, June 8-10, Mt. Angel, OR

Come heal and renew your marriage relationship by re-establishing communication with each other. Whether you are simply not communicating well, in the midst of separation, or considering divorce, let *Retrouvaille* help you put the pieces of your marriage and family back together. *Retrouvaille* is a Catholic program designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The leaders are couples who have used the program to save their own marriages. Couples of all faiths are welcome and no one is turned away due to financial difficulties. For more information or to register for a weekend, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence.

Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, proclaim the risen One who never leaves us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Ascension of the Lord. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/ Ephesians 1:17-23/
Mark 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Psalm 68/ John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Psalm 68/ John 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Psalm 68/ John 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/ John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21:15-19

Saturday: St. Philip Neri, Priest. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Psalm 11/ John 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday. Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/
John 20:19-23

THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, June 24th at Skamania Golf Course (Stevenson, WA). Registration forms are in the church gathering space. Contact Dick Adkisson for more information at 503.297.2455, or Rcadkisson@aol.com. Deadline is June 1.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Carla and Steve Loughlin

9:00 AM: Mary Hulme and Barbara Kitzberger

11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,639.25 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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and tell everyone what I have taught you. (Proclaim the gospel) All who believe and are baptized will be saved. Those who will not believe will be condemned. After Jesus talked to the disciples he was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. The disciples went out and preached everywhere and the Holy Spirit worked with them and made them strong.

How can you spread the Gospel?

Will you spread the Gospel?

