



*"You are witnesses of all this.  
See, I send down upon you the  
promise of my Father."*

(Luke 24:48-49)

**April 11, 2010**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - Please turn in your Rice Bowls by next Sunday, April 18. Thank you for helping those who live in hunger and poverty.

**THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE** will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 27th at Skamania. Registration and all the details are on a form in the church lobby, or you can contact Greg Kaminski for more information at [gm.kaminski@verizon.net](mailto:gm.kaminski@verizon.net), or 503-524-3837.

**2010 OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE CONFERENCE**

**When:** April 24, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Boulevard, Portland, OR

Register online at [www.ortl.org](http://www.ortl.org) or call 503-463-8563

Registration prior to April 16: Adults \$40, Seniors and Students \$25

Lunch included.

**LAUGH YOUR WAY to a better marriage** - Join us for a fun workshop where you can enjoy learning tools to maintain a happy relationship.

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard, OR

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 8 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$10 per person. Breakfast and lunch included.

Sponsored by Northwest Family Services

Call Art Schmidt at 503-639-4179 X131

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**WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE A CATHOLIC CURSILLO WEEKEND.**

Like a retreat, the Cursillo is a 3-day (Thursday night through Sunday afternoon) opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ and joyful community with approximately 30 fellow Catholics.

Men's Weekend: June 10-13, 2010

Women's Weekend; July 8-11, 2010

Both weekends will be held at Griffin Center, Milwaukie, OR. Applications need to be received one month before the weekend. For information and to download an application, go online to:

[www.natl-cursillo.org/portland](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/portland) and go to link: UPCOMING WEEKENDS, or call Juanita Wald at 541-563-2315, or Mike Davis at 503-322-3581.

**RACHAEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS** are a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Experience God's healing touch in a confidential, supportive, and non-judgmental environment June 25-27 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact Lori Eckstine, Catholic Charities Project Rachel Coordinator, at 1-800-249-8074, or e-mail [ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org). The cost is \$150.00 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

**9:00 AM:** Jack and Ronnie Smith

**11:00 AM:** Denise and Doug White

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



If the Passover of the Lord (Triduum) is the wedding of the Lamb, then Christians seem to be poorly adapted to celebrating the honeymoon. The week of weeks which follows Easter Sunday is the seven weeks of Pentecost. Our perspective on this season would profit much from recognizing that these fifty days are Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day) is but the glorious closing of this season of the Spirit.

As Christ's rising cannot be separated from his suffering and death, as his glory cannot be known except by entering into his passion, so Christ's glorification at the Father's right hand and the sending of the Spirit cannot be known apart from that act by which the Father raised Jesus from the tomb. The book of Acts which marks this season in a special way recounts the beginnings of a community moved by the Spirit of he who had called the members together in his ministry. We do not begin this book the day after Pentecost Sunday. We, no less than the primitive Jerusalem Church, are filled with the Spirit at the baptismal festival of Easter. These fifty days are a time of heightened consciousness to the Spirit who makes us one in Christ.

These fifty days are a special sort of honeymoon for those who were fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. These are the first fifty days of full membership, a privileged time of celebration and formation. Traditionally these days were set aside for special catechesis about the sacraments. The days of Pentecost are the period of "follow up" after perhaps years of preparation, the intense scrutiny of Lent and the electric celebration of baptism during the Vigil.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Second Sunday of Easter. Acts 5:12-16./ Psalm 118

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ John 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/ Psalm 2/ John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 /Psalm 93/ John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Psalm 34/ John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Psalm 34/ John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/ Psalm 27/ John 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/ Psalm 33/ John 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter. Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/

Psalm 30/ Revelation 5:11-14/ John 21:1-19

**EASTER COLLECTION:** \$6,351.00

**HOLY THURSDAY:** \$365.00

**GOOD FRIDAY ( For The Holy Land):** \$524.00 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.

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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

The readings for this Second Sunday of Easter show the transformative power of the Resurrection for the early Church. In the First Reading from Acts, Luke describes the initial weeks after the Resurrection when the apostles performed "many signs and wonders," and Peter emerged as the powerful and charismatic leader of the Christian community in Jerusalem.

The post-Resurrection story in today's Gospel that describes Thomas's doubts also describes his transformation. In seeing and touching the resurrected Christ, Thomas is transformed from one who doubts even the possibility of resurrection to one who professes deep faith in the resurrected Christ: "My Lord and my God!" That same transformative power of the resurrected Christ is still available to those who suffer from doubts today, opening the way for all of us to profess our faith in Jesus as "my Lord and my God."

*What "signs and wonders" do you find in today's Gospel? How do they speak to your faith at this moment?*

*Notice the image of "locked doors" in the Gospel today. What doors do you keep locked in your relationship with Jesus?*

*Have you ever had the experience of "being caught up in Spirit"?*