



"They were all filled with fury."

JANUARY 31, 2010

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Once again, we will offer Small Group Faith Sharing during Lent. These groups are geared to help people slow down, to notice their lives, to discover God's presence in the midst of the stuff of life and to make stronger connections with the great Tradition of the church by beginning to look more deeply at their lives through the lens of scripture. If you would like to participate, please sign your name in the back of the church and indicate what time or times would work for your schedule. There will be meetings both in the daytime and evening. Also, please indicate if you would like to lead a group.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - on Tuesdays of Lent we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK begins Tuesday, February 9 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. and will continue through March 30. Beginning Tuesday, February 23, practice will start following Soup and Bread Supper.

VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOU! We are in need of more ministers to take Communion to patients at OHSU. Training is provided. If you can help once a week once every two weeks, or even once a month the patients would greatly appreciate it. This is a very rewarding ministry. Call the parish office for more information. *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."*

FEBRUARY 2 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/ CANDLEMAS DAY/ GROUNDHOG'S DAY

Although now overshadowed on the revised liturgical calendar, February 2 bore a weather folklore long before the shadowy groundhog. Farmers found the day a good time to make weather predictions, applying the theory that the rest of the winter would be the opposite of that on Candlemas. This means if the sun casts a shadow on Candlemas, you can expect more winter, but if there is no shadow, the end of winter is close at hand. If it sounds like the old groundhog story, it's because this is where that story comes from, except that the one about the groundhog originated only about a hundred years ago. We will celebrate The Presentation of the Lord at 8:30 a.m. Mass, Candlemas with blessing of candles, and Groundhogs Day by singing Groundhog's Day Carols after Mass.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY - A draft of the directory is displayed in the back of the church. Please stop by to review your family information and mark any changes or additions to be made. Photos can still be submitted for publication. If you are not happy with your picture, it can be retaken. Don't forget to send in photos for the memorial page. You may send a digital photo via email (photos@stelizabethportland.net), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. Also, we are selling small business card-sized ads in the parish directory to offset some of the cost. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

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.

MINISTRY FORMATION - Archdiocesan course and retreat schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Registration by mail, fax, phone or Internet <http://minfrm.archdpdx.org>.

Jesus' entire homily at Nazareth is condensed in the few words, "Today the Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus' townspeople argue with him out of local interests. "Why does he not do here at home the marvels he did at Capernaum? When Jesus appeals to the great prophets of the past who performed their miracles for Gentiles, the people attempt to kill him.

This event already announces Jesus' destiny and his message. After his Passover, this message spread from Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and then to the very ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8).

We must not confine Jesus to Nazareth and to the first century of our era, because his word is for every race, every culture, the entire world, all times.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19/ Psalm 71/
1 Corinthians 12:31 ---13:13/ Luke 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Psalm 3/ Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/
Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday: St. Blaise 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/ Psalm 32/ Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chronicles 29:10-12/ Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Sirach 47:2-11/ Psalm 18/ Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13/ Psalm 119/ Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Psalm 138/
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CELEBRATION will be held February 27, 2010 in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by presentations, dessert and music. Individual tickets - \$125; table of 10 - \$1,250. Other sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, call 503-231-4866, ext. 117.

PARISH MISSION - "Living Lent." March 8-10, 2010

Mission Schedule: Monday-Wednesday from 7 to 8 PM

St. Anthony Catholic Church, 9905 SW McKenzie Street, Tigard, is sponsoring a Parish Mission entitled "Living Lent." Presented by **Deacon Owen Cummings**, who has been widely published in theological and religious journals and is the author of 14 books on theological/religious topics. He currently holds the Regents' Chair of Theology and is a Professor of Systematic Theology at Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, OR.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,085.05 **FOR HAITIAN RELIEF:** \$3,740.85 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Jim and Kay Armstrong

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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., 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

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

Luke 4:21-30

Again Luke talks about Jesus speaking in the synagogue, saying "*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*" The people were amazed at his powerful words, and they asked him to perform miracles for them. Jesus said: "*Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place,*" and then reminds them of two miracles performed by the Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha. These miracles helped Gentiles, that is, people who weren't Jews. When the people heard this, they became angry and drove him out of town.

Do we accept Jesus' teachings without questioning them? Explain your answer

Or do we expect miracles from Jesus before we really believe in Him? Why or why not?