



**May 16, 2010**  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**FIRST COMMUNION** - Congratulations to Charlie Bloch, Matthew Kaminski, Madeleine Limon, and Samuel O'Leary and who will receive their First Communion this Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you, Mary Nisbet, and the parent volunteers who prepared the children for First Eucharist.

**CONFIRMATION** -Congratulations to Karen Myers, Erik Lien, Daniel Lien, Elise McGlone and Brian Scherner, who will be confirmed this Thursday, May 20 at St. Clare Church. May God bless you now and watch over you always.

We thank James Mullins, who taught the Confirmation class.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** - This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions. About 45% of dioceses in the United States are classified as home mission dioceses, not able to support basic pastoral needs. These dioceses are often in rural locations, lack a sufficient number of priests to serve the geographically challenging distances, and do not have sufficient funding for religious education, youth ministry, and religious formation. Please be generous.

**IN THIS MONTH OF MAY**, when we are thinking about our mothers, consider how you can be of support to new moms: the Catholic Charities Moms Helping Moms Program is looking for positive role models to mentor pregnant or newly parenting mothers. With an average of just one hour a week, you can provide friendship, practical experience, emotional support, encouragement, parenting advice or transportation for new moms who may feel isolated or without support. Please contact Patty Anderson, at Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services for more information at 503-238-5196, ext. 225.

**THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE** June 1st is the deadline to register for the upcoming St. Elizabeth Golf Scramble. Registration forms are in the church lobby. Please contact Greg Kaminski with any questions. 503-524-3837.

**THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church (1623 NW 19th Avenue, Portland) at noon, Friday, May 21st.

**THE SANCTITY OF ALL LIFE** - A panel discussion on the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, with focus on death penalty. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, St. Pius X Community Center, 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Featured Panelists are Fr. Craig Boly, SJ; Fr. Timothy Mockatis; and Ron Steiner. See bulletin board.

**2010 MEMORIAL DAY MASS** - Mount Calvary and Gethsemani Catholic Cemeteries invite you to participate in our 122nd Annual Memorial Day Masses at 10:00 am on Monday, May 31. Archbishop John G. Vlazny will preside at Mount Calvary's Altar Garden (Indoor Mausoleum if the weather is poor) with St. Pius X Youth Choir leading us in song. Vicar General, Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan will preside at Gethsemani's Chapel. A small reception will follow each mass. Please call the cemetery at 503-292-6621 with any questions or visit our website at [www.catholiccemeteriespdx.com](http://www.catholiccemeteriespdx.com).

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: The Ascension of the Lord. Acts 1:1-11/ Psalm 47/

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Luke 24:46-53

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: 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



**COFFEE AND DONUTS** - Would you like to serve on the Coffee and Donuts Committee? It's a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other parishioners. Volunteers serve two or three Sundays a year. Call the parish office if interested.

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

**4:00 PM:** Maryann Pierleoni

**9:00 AM:** Maryla and Greg Kaminski

**11:00 AM:** Peggy and Karl Smith

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,378.00 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

Christ prays to his Father. It is for us that he prays. His prayer expresses his dream for us: a dream that only Christ -- who is hope itself, love itself -- could envision. He prays that his followers may be so perfect, so united, that the world may recognize the presence and the love of God. We are still far from being able to offer this perfect witness to God's love. Do we continue to hope for it? Work for it? Do we look forward to the perfect unity that will be ours in Christ's kingdom?

