



February 13, 2011

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT IS FAST APPROACHING

Ash Wednesday is March 9th. St. Elizabeth Church will continue with our Lenten small group faith sharing sessions again this year. These have been well received over the past few years and many parishioners find the small groups a valuable resource as part of their Lenten journey.

I am organizing the small groups sessions and I am right now looking for Group Leaders who will host a small Lenten group (5 to 10 people) in their home or at the church little house weekly during Lent. If you are interested in participating as a group leader you select the best day/time of each of the 6 weeks of Lent. The group meeting is generally one hour once a week. There will be resources such as a Lenten small faith group guide booklet for those of you and your group members who wish to use it.

Please let me know via email if you would like to be a Group Leader. We need you and appreciate your time for assisting in this important discipleship.

Sincerely,

Patty Frahler
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A NEW MUSICAL - *MOSES and the Burning Within*

On Saturday evening, March 5, at 7:30 PM, the Music Ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver, will fill its sanctuary with the sounds of the new musical *Moses and the Burning Within*. This family-oriented, entertaining and tuneful production, presented semi-staged with choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists, follows the Moses story found in The Book of Exodus.

Moses and the Burning Within tells the biblical story of the Exodus by focusing on the character of Moses and his struggles to find his place and mission in life. The story opens with a series of back flashes as Moses learns of his personal history of being cast into the river Nile in a basket and being rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. From that point Moses is brought to a realization of who he really is, what his relationship to God must be, and what he must do for his people. This biblical story is told with tuneful, contemporary music and dialogue, and can be enjoyed by an adult and family audience.

\$10 advance, \$12 door, \$5 children 12 and under,
\$15 "date night" package (includes dinner and show).
Ticket Information: 360-696-4407 or www.stjoemusic.org

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of March 4-6 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by February 28 is recommended.)

The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for two nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available.

Please call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971 for more information, or e-mail at margi8280@comcast.net.

The New Testament is explicit: there is one Law of Christ and it is new. Far from abolishing the old Law, this Law fulfills it by emphasizing interior observance. This law calls for justice, which surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees. This law is radical because the call of Jesus goes beyond the letter to a more authentic life. For Jesus, the human heart is decisive.

Hatred is prohibited: anger is the beginning of murder. Coveting another's spouse is forbidden: there are looks which are as bad as adultery. Repudiation of a spouse is not allowed: this can only come from hardness of heart (Matt 19:8). The making of oaths, true or false, is not permitted: it is enough to be fully committed to our word.

We, who believe that the gospel is not some sweet, indulgent consolation, are confronted by unprecedented demands without compromise. We could have the impression of being trapped. Why should we be surprised that there is within us as in the disciples something that is indignant, when Jesus abruptly declares that riches are an impediment to the kingdom: "Then who can be saved?" (Mark 10:26). Christian morality is impossible without the support of life in Christ, consciously lived. Without him, we can do nothing. With him, everything is possible. To put on the mind of Christ is the only way to fulfill the law in spirit and in truth.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 15:15-20/Psalm 119/
1 Corinthians 2:6-10/Matthew 5:17-37

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Psalm 50/Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5/Psalm 129/Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/Psalm 166/Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13/Psalm 102/Mark 8:27-33

Friday: Genesis 11:1-9/Psalm 33/Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-7/Psalm 145/Mark 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18/Psalm 103/
1 Corinthians 3:16-23/Matthew 5:38-48o



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Tom and Diane Benz

9:00 AM: David and Agnes Craford 11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 23: \$3,509.00

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,267.74

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$383.10

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

This reading is from the Sermon on the Mount, as Jesus gives to his disciples a new vision of the law. Jesus then proceeds to take several commandments, one after the other, and interpret them in a whole new light. For the evangelist Matthew, Jesus is the new Moses, and here he is the lawgiver, handing down a new series of commandments far more challenging than the first. Moses said not to kill; Jesus tells his disciples not even to be angry with another person. Even to be in conflict or litigation, he says, separates us from right relationship with God. Moses said not to commit adultery; Jesus calls us to a much higher standard of morality, a righteousness that comes from an inner purity.

