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February 27, 2011

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9. St. Elizabeth Church will continue with our Lenten small group faith sharing sessions again this year. If you are interested in participating in one of the groups, please sign the list in the back of the church. There will be four groups, tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, Tuesday morning, and two on Wednesday evening. If you have questions, please e-mail Patty Frahler at pattyfrahler@hotmail.com or call the parish office.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS

On Tuesdays of Lent, beginning March 15, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. **We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. The kitchen is a great place to become better acquainted with fellow parishioners!**



CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK begins Tuesday, March 1. If you can sing or play an instrument please consider joining the group. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Following is the schedule:

Tuesdays, March 1st and March 8th - 6:30 - 8:15 PM

Tuesdays, March 15th - April 12th - 7:15 - 8:45 PM (because of Prayer Service/Soup Suppers)

Tuesday, April 19th (Last practice) - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION, presented by Providence Health & Services will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center. The Annual Celebration is the most important fundraising event of the year for Catholic Charities, and presents an opportunity to reconnect with friends and noted members of the Catholic community. Net proceeds from the event directly benefit the programs of Catholic Charities in the Portland metropolitan area. The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m., with presentations, dessert and music immediately following. Individual tickets are \$125.00, tables of 10 are \$1,250.00. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please contact Kathy Thomas at 503-688-2628 or e-mail her at kthomas@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org.

HILARITY ENSUES as **Jesuit High School's nationally recognized Drama Department** presents the Portland-area premier of the five-time Tony Award winning musical ***The Drowsy Chaperone***. This heralded hit of the 2006 Broadway season is probably the best little musical you've ever heard of!

Performances run February 24th through March 6th, 2011. Showtimes are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be ordered online at www.jesuitportland.org/drama.

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. \$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

To understand today's gospel, we must remember the first beatitude. "How happy are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). If the kingdom is near at hand, and already mysteriously present with Jesus, then it is of prime importance to opt for God without compromise, to serve him with a single heart, and to give ourselves to him with total confidence in his plan of salvation. No one can serve two masters. No one can serve both God and money!

Any reality which exerts an insidious and brutal mastery over our lives is an idol. Money is often such an idol. Its domination threatens all people and things. The desire to possess it leads nations and families into conflict and into sacrificing the weak. Even those who give themselves wholeheartedly to the worship of a freeing God find themselves enmeshed in the demands of mammon.

Just as a woman caresses her child, God wraps us in gentle care. We are invited to submit all our anxieties to God's providence. Money is often the final barrier which hinders that trust. Yet it is still impossible to rid ourselves of money. The problem is how to use it without becoming its slave. Money is a tool with which we work to cooperate with God in completing creation. We are called to live with confidence at the edge of an insecure universe and exchange thousands of life's anxious cares for the central focus of working for the kingdom.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 49:14-15/ Psalm 62/
1 Corinthians 4:1-5/ Matthew 6:24-34

Monday: Sirach 17:20-24/ Psalm 32/ Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12/ Psalm 50/ Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sirach 36: 1,4-5a, 10-17/ Psalm 79/ Mark 10:31-45

Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25/ Psalm 32/ Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Sirach 44:1,9-13/ Psalm 149/ Mark 11:11-26

Saturday: Sirach 51:12C-20/ Psalm 19/ Mark 11:27-33

Next Sunday: 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28/ Psalm 31/
Romans 3:21-25, 28/ Matthew 7:21-27

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Alice Herrell and Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 AM: Karl and Barb Wetzel 11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,924.75

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

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

