



June 26, 2011

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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.



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 July 15-17 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by July 11 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 email margi8280@comcast.net. Additional information may be found on the website of International Beginning Experience at www.beginningexperience.org.

SUMMER CONCERT AT THE GROTTA - The plaza of the Grotto in Northeast Portland is the setting for a summer's evening concert, at 6:00 PM, Sunday, July 10. The music will resonate off the cliffs and tall firs as The Portland Pacific Wind Symphony performs a benefit outdoor concert for the Catholic Sanctuary.

ST. THOMAS MORE IS CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

St. Thomas More is beginning its yearlong anniversary celebration. Any photos or memorabilia from the past 75 years would be greatly appreciated. You can lend or let the STM staff copy photos. Please help make this a great celebration for the St. Thomas More community and please join in on our celebrations. For more information or to lend memorabilia, please contact Jamie at 503-222-2055 or swtmparish@stmpdx.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Jack and Ronnie Smith 11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,164.00 Thank you.

We celebrate today the mystery of the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist that unites our community of faith.

In the First Reading from Deuteronomy, Moses implores the Israelites to "remember" their desert story as they stand at the Jordan River, about to enter the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Moses recalls for the Israelites the heart of the desert story -- how God tested them in the desert by afflicting them with hunger and thirst, and then providing manna and water "in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord." Moses twice makes the point that this manna was "a food unknown" to the Israelites.

The Gospel reading for today is an excerpt from the end of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel according to John. Speaking to a Jewish crowd, Jesus repeatedly refers to himself as bread, saying: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." He concludes by saying, "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." The Jewish audience would have immediately recognized that Jesus was appropriating for himself the sacred and traditional image of bread and water from the Israelite desert experience. But Jesus, as "the living bread that came down from heaven," was once again "a food unknown" to the Israelites.

In the Second Reading, Paul offers us one of the earliest testimonies in the New Testament to the belief in the real presence of Christ in our Eucharistic celebrations. For Paul, the body and blood of Christ unites the Christian communities as one body. He taught the early Christian communities that Jesus is "the true food . . . and the true drink," "the living bread that came down from heaven!"

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a/
Psalm 147/ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17/ John 6:51-58

Monday: Genesis 18:16-33/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29/ Psalm 26/ Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: *Peter and Paul, Apostles*. Acts 12:1-11/ Psalm 34/
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/ Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday: Genesis 22:1b-19/ Psalm 115/ Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Deuteronomy 7:6-11/ Psalm 103/
1 John 4:7-16/ Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/ Psalm 135/ Luke 2:41-51

Next Sunday: *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Zechariah 9:9-10/ Psalm 145/
Romans 8:9, 11-13/ Matthew 11:25-30

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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

Body and Blood of Christ

John 6:51-58

Today's Gospel reading is from the Book of John and in it Jesus tells his disciples that he is the living bread come down from heaven. His followers don't understand what he means. Jesus goes on to say that unless we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, we cannot have life within us -- but we must do this in order to have eternal life!!

Jesus is, of course, talking about the Eucharist here.

Describe what the Eucharist means to you. How does receiving the Eucharist make you feel? Do you think it makes a difference in your life? Why or why not?

