



June 5, 2011

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Feed the hungry



THANK YOU TO ALL who bring non-perishable food to fill the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank baskets found in the gathering space of our church. Many families rely on this source to keep food on the table. There is a particular need for soup, especially the hearty soups, cream of chicken, and clam chowder.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE TO BE ORDAINED THIS WEEKEND. Archbishop John Vlazny will ordain four priests at St. Mary's Cathedral this Saturday, June 4. Three men will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Portland, and one will be ordained for a religious order. Those being ordained as priests of the Archdiocese of Portland are Reverend Mr. Mark Gikeny, Reverend Mr. O. Bryce McProud, and Rev. Mr. J. Angelo Te. Reverend Mr. Joseph Nhat Hoang Dang, SDD, will be ordained for the Domus Dei Society of Apostolic Life. Congratulations, and God's blessings to them all.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES - All cyclists are invited to attend the fourth annual Blessing of the Bikes, Sunday, June 12 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. The event has been held each June since 2008 with cyclists coming from around the metro area. Bring your bike. Invite a friend.

THE ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26 at The Resort at the Mountain, Welches, OR. Look for registration forms in the back of the church, or you may contact Greg Kaminski for more information at gm.kaminski@frontier.com, or 503-524-3837.

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH AND PAULIST CENTER will present "***Growing into Pentecost,***" based on John's Gospel. The event will be held June 10th, 11th, and 12th at St. Philip's, SE 16th and Division. Presenters are Fr. Dick Chilson, CSP, and Sister Emma Holdener, OSF. See bulletin board for details or call St. Philip's parish office at 503-231-4955.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP (for couples & singles) Everyone has their ups and downs when it comes to relationships, but investing in yours is a great way to strengthen the bond between you and your partner. In this class, you'll learn how to communicate clearly, fight fairly, solve problems and get a glimpse of how the brain of the opposite sex works! This is an upbeat interactive workshop co-taught by a married couple for all who desire better relationships!

When: Saturday, June 11th
Where: St. Anthony School, (Cafeteria), 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard
Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Cost: \$20 per couple - \$15 for singles
Register: Contact Deacon Art Schmidt
Phone - 503-639-4179 X131 Email - aschmidt@stanthonytigard.org

Lunch and Childcare will be provided. Upon registering, please tell us if you need childcare and the total number of lunches needed.

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/
Ephesians 1:17-23/ Matthew 28:16-20

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 and 23:6-11/ Psalm 16/ John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Psalm 103/ John 21:15-19

Saturday: *Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle*. Acts 11:21b-26 and 13:1-3/ Psalm 98/
John 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Pentecost*. Acts 2:1-11/ Psalm 104/ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/
John 20:19-23

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Jim and Rebecca Wright

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Kerry, Ann, and Jonathan Heisler

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,503.00 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.

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

The Ascension of the Lord

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?

