



March 27, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. In light of the tragedy in Japan, CRS funds will be allocated to Japan relief as well as for other disaster relief and development projects in the poorest areas of the world. We ask that you be as generous as possible.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Please remember to pray for all in our RCIA program this year: **Patti Bucher, Brent Carreau, Grant Gilray, Chris Hoglund, Teresa Knofler, and Kevin Kriesien.**

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

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| Tuesday, March 29 | Resurrection | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday, March 31 | Holy Family Church | 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday, April 5 | St. Clare | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, April 9 | Sacred Heart Church | 11:00 AM |
| Tuesday, April 19 | Our Lady of the Lake | 7:00 PM |

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS On Tuesdays of Lent, we gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. We need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON? WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

Muslim Jewish Catholic
Come and hear for yourself!

Prayer Panel "Our Traditions":

Imam Shahriar Ahmed, Rabbi David Kominsky, Fr. Michael Evernden

Carvlin Hall, St. Philip Neri Parish, 2408 SE Division, Sunday, April 3, 12:00 Noon to 1:45 PM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION, will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center. Net proceeds from the event directly benefit the programs of Catholic Charities in the Portland metropolitan area. 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.

It is noon at Jacob's well. Tired from the journey, Jesus stops to rest. The Word of God is hungry and thirsty. He calls a woman and her fellow citizens to faith.

A Samaritan woman comes to the well at the hour when the sun is burning. Perhaps this woman of bad reputation comes at this hour to avoid an encounter. But there is someone sitting by the well. Who is he? He is a Jew, and Jews do not associate with Samaritans. It is an old story of schism and fear of contamination.

In the eyes of Jesus, Samaria is like this woman who has five husbands. It has become a prostitute to the idols. But the Word of God is thirsty. He desires the faith of this woman. He begins playing a game of question and answer with her. By the questions he raises, Jesus breaks through to the heart of this woman. She cannot avoid the question, who is this man who is greater than Jacob? Is he a prophet? Is he possibly the Messiah? Refreshed by the water of life, the Samaritan woman runs to the village, announcing the good news of the mystery of Jesus.

The hunger of the Word has now been satisfied. By introducing the woman to the life of faith, by bringing to God true worshipers, Jesus has begun to fulfill his mission. The Samaritans are already on the way. Their adherence to Jesus, the Savior of the world, prefigures the fruitfulness of a gospel preached to the ends of the earth.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Third Sunday of Lent. Exodus 17:3-7/ Psalm 95/ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b/ Psalms 42 and 43/ Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/ Psalm 95/ Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 81/ Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/ Psalm 51/ Luke 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent. 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Psalm 23/
Ephesians 5:8-14/ John 9:1-41

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Patricia Krajek and Kelly Britz

9:00 AM: Jack and Ronnie Smith 11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,493.50 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

John 4:6-10

In this passage, we can sense a deep, underlying feeling: discouragement. It is something we all experience: it comes up most often when we go to the sacrament of Reconciliation. We get irritated that we seem to constantly fall into the same traps, the same sins. At noon, when everyone else was eating, this Samaritan woman came to the well; her life was known by all, her failings were the talk of the town. We can imagine her asking herself, "Why even bother trying to become better?" When Christ asked for a drink, he was actually thirsty for the woman's faith, not for water. The more time this woman spent with Jesus, the more her faith in him grew, and as her faith grew, she climbed out of discouragement and into love, the one thing she had always been looking for.