



March 6, 2011

**9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 9. Masses with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

**LENTEN PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS** are available in the back of the church. Please take only what you will use.

**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!**

**LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS** will meet every week during Lent. You will be contacted by your leader for information regarding time, location, etc.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK** began 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:

Tuesday, 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

**TERWILLIGER BLVD WILL BE CLOSED NEXT SUNDAY** from 8:45 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. to accommodate the Shamrock Run.

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2011** entitled "***Behold the Lamb of God***"

Presented by **Fr. Charles J. Brunick, CSP**, Pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish and Director of the NW Paulist Center for Evangelization and Reconciliation in Portland. Ordained in 1970, he spent 20 years as a campus minister and parish pastor in Texas, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Utah. Since 1990 he has been working in various Paulist evangelization ministries in Grand Rapids, MI, Chicago, IL, and now Portland, mostly preaching missions, teaching and training parish leaders in the formation of evangelization teams, developing strategies for inviting and welcoming dormant Catholics, and reaching out to the unchurched. The mission will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14-16. Morning Sessions: 9:15 to 10:15 AM; Evening Sessions 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more information, call Deacon Art Schmidt, 503-636-4179, x131 or email at [aschmidt@stanthonytigard.org](mailto:aschmidt@stanthonytigard.org).

**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](mailto:kthomas@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org).

The world is full of people with nice words. They dazzle others, substituting big words for actions. Yet action is often more convincing than verbiage. In a commanding tone, Jesus denounces religious orators whose rhetoric is not verified in authentic concern and effective action. Jesus advises all those who desire a true happiness to put their faith into practice. Otherwise they build on sand.

Jesus did not content himself with words. Matthew pairs Jesus' discourse with actions which confirm his preaching. The ultimate testimony which Jesus gives to God's love for the world is the free surrender of his life. This event reveals the truth to those who grasp the language of action. Those who find security only in rhetoric and abstractions shield themselves from the biting demand made by Jesus on the cross.

Let us put an end to the ineffective word! Let us take care of the wounded along the road. Let us open our arms to the prodigal. Let us welcome the stranger. These are the fruits of conversion by which we will be judged. We have done much talking in the Church since Vatican II. Now, God and the world are awaiting our action. We re-acquire the art of Christian living, a language of signs and behavior consistent with theory.

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### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28,32/ Psalm 31/  
Romans 3:21-25, 28/ Matthew 7:21-27

Monday: Tobit 1:3; 2:1A-8/ Psalm 112/ Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14/ Psalm 112/ Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. Joel 2:12-18/ Psalm 51/ 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2/  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalm 1/ Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9A/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9B-14/ Psalm 86/ Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ Psalm 51/ Romans 5:12-19/  
Matthew 4:1-11

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### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 AM: Mary Hume and Kay Fagan

11:00 AM: Dave and Marge Hartmann

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$3,189.25

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.

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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

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**Conclusion of the Sermon**

Matthew 7:24-27

The words from Matthew 7:24-27 come at the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where he not only gives the Beatitudes, but a series of precepts ranging from the role of the disciple, to anger, adultery, and lust. The teachings of Jesus are the bricks he wants us to use to build a firm foundation. Many people associate the spiritual life with the mysticism of St. Teresa of Avila or Saint John of the Cross: To many, it seems that the spiritual life is a separation from the everyday life of the world, but the truth is that all the great spiritual teachers, Saint Teresa and Saint John most of all, would argue that you cannot have spiritual experiences without first laying a strong foundation of virtue; the spiritual life begins and ends with these teachings of Christ.