



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**THIS WEEKEND IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR THE 2012 2012 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL.** If you have not already done so, please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our archdiocesan church. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our universal church here in Western Oregon.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.** As part of our Lenten plan we will participate in *Living the Eucharist*, a new parish program designed to help all Catholics involve themselves more fully in our worship, connecting the Mass with the mission of Jesus. Everyone can participate through various options - Small Groups, family activities, daily Lenten reflections and more. If you would like to participate in a Small Group, please sign the list in the back of the church. Please indicate if you would be interested in leading a group. So far, we have a group meeting on Wednesday evening and one on Thursday evening. We would like to have at least one more group.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 15TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION!**

Please join Catholic Charities for a lively evening of celebration, blessings and renewed friendships at the 15th Annual Celebration, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Oregon Convention Center. This year, the Celebration will happen on St. Patrick's Day, and will include a festive party complete with an Irish cocktail bar, dinner, presentations, and the Celtic music of St. James' Gate.

Please help Catholic Charities increase the number of parishes represented at the Celebration by joining with your friends, family and fellow parishioners to fill a table. You'll enjoy a fun and lively evening, see the many ways Catholic Charities is changing lives in our community, and learn how you can get involved.

Individual tickets are \$150; tables of ten are available for \$1,500. Please contact Catholic Charities at 503-688-2628 or [kgoetz@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org](mailto:kgoetz@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org) for reservations and sponsorship opportunities.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK** began Tuesday, February 7. 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 practice schedule:

Tuesdays, Feb. 7th, 14th, and 21st	6:45 8:15 PM
Tuesdays, Feb. 28th through Mar. 27, following Soup & Bread Suppers	7:15-8:45 PM
Tuesday, April 3 (last practice)	6:45-8:45 PM

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY COMMITTEE** is sponsoring a Lenten Day of Recollection, "Do This in Memory of Me," for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, located at 2310 SE 148th in Portland. The event is presented by Rev. Bob Barricks. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee is required for lunch. Please mail your name, address, phone number, parish name and \$15 check (made out to Catholic Charities) to: Day of Recollection, Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Boulevard #1, Portland, OR 97202.

**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS** will be held on Tuesdays of Lent, beginning February 28. We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

In Jesus' day leprosy meant not only incurable physical disintegration, but also social and cultural death. It was the supreme "plague" which God inflicted on sinners. It is under the image of a leper that Isaiah depicts the sinful people. It is under this same image that he describes a mysterious Servant who expiates Israel's sin.

In this context, Jesus' face-to-face meeting with the leper takes on its full meaning. We see the unclean before the Holy One, the outcast before the Servant who will be cast out, the leper who is impure before the pure one who will be disfigured like a leper. It is the sinful world that the Savior touches and purifies. The Messiah has arrived. In him, the banished of society, the living dead are restored.

In different degrees, under different forms, leprosy still creates barriers between people. Today's lepers are the very ill forgotten in hospitals, the marginal poor shut up in unhealthy tenements, the addicts shunned by high-minded societies. Before all these lepers, we ourselves must take part in the simple story of the encounter between Jesus and the leper. For we too must recognize that we are all lepers. We must disclose the sins that we keep hidden. We must cry out in acknowledgment of our moral frailty. Thus we regain life and take our places in the community of the redeemed. Once touched and healed, we can in turn proclaim the Word. Rejoicing in health regained, we can welcome the outcast and the rejected, acknowledged in their human dignity.

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### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/ Psalm 32/  
1 Corinthians 10:31 -- 11:1/ Mark 1:40-45

Monday: James 1:1-11/ Psalm 119/ Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: James 1:12-18/ Psalm 94/ Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: James 1:19-27/ Psalm 15/ Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: James 2:1-9/ Psalm 34/ Mark 8:27-33

Friday: James 2:14-24,26/ Psalm 112/ Mark 8:34 through 9:1

Saturday: James 3:1-10/ Psalm 12/ Mark 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25/ Psalm 41/  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22/ Mark 2:1-12

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### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Jim and Becky Wright

11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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

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COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,332.36

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$581.00 Thank you.

## **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church**

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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., Pastor

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

## **Family Faith Sharing Questions**

### **Mark 1:40-45**

In today's Gospel we hear about a man who is suffering from such a terrible illness that people are afraid to touch him or even be close to him. The man begs Jesus to help him. Jesus feels sorry for the man – and then touches him and heals him. The man is very happy and grateful and tells everyone what has happened to him.

*Have you ever been left out or felt alone without friends?  
How did that make you feel?*

*Did anybody show you kindness and compassion?  
Talk about what they did and how that made you feel.*

*Have you ever tried to help a person who is lonely?  
Talk about what you did and how it made you feel.*