



**"God did not want Abraham's son,
He wanted his heart."**

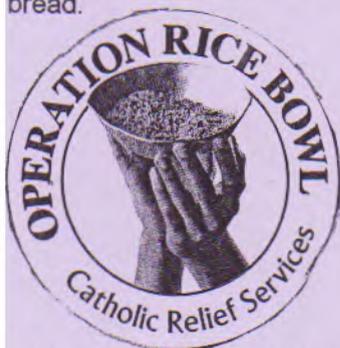
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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 PM Lenten prayer service. **We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up.** Please sign up if you can help and/or if you will be bringing soup or bread.



This Lent, answer the call to serve the "least of our brothers and sisters" through **Operation Rice Bowl**. Your contributions support Catholic Relief Services' projects around the world as well as projects in our own diocese. Seventy-five percent of your contributions support CRS' development programs that help families and communities overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. Twenty-five percent remains in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church.

MAC & CHEESE & TUNA, PLEASE - Our First Communion class is sponsoring a program to help local hunger. A special basket is in the back of the church for your food contributions, which will be given to the Immaculate Heart Food Bank. The children will bring the food basket to the altar at the Offertory. They will make a graph to chart these donations.

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. Thank you to all who have pledged or donated. If you haven't yet taken the opportunity, we encourage you to do so.

LETTERS FROM A DISTANT SHORE - Next Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses Marie Lawson Fiala will be at St. Elizabeth's to discuss her book, ***Letters from a Distant Shore***, a memoir of her life-changing experience when her teen-age son was struck down by a cerebral hemorrhage. We would especially encourage our Hospital Ministers to attend.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2012

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Oregon Convention Center Portland Ball Room
777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Portland, Oregon

6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception

7:30 p.m. - Dinner

8:45 p.m. - Music by St. James Gate

Individual Tickets \$150, Tables of Ten
\$1,500

Call Catholic Charities at 503-688-2628 or

kgoetz@CatholicCharitiesOregon.org for reservations

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope.

The hope remains as yet unfilled. It is too soon to set up tents. Jesus continues to remind his disciples that first the Son of Man must suffer and be put to death. Only then will they begin to understand what "to rise from the dead" means.

We celebrate Lent caught in the tension between the images of the first and second Sundays, between temptation and transfiguration. Like Abraham, we must walk in faith through the trial, confident that the "sufferings of the present are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). For "what we shall later be has not yet come to light, but we know that when it comes to light we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 2nd Sunday of Lent. Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,10-13, 15-18/ Psalm 116/
Romans 8:31b-34/ Mark 9:2-10

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10/Psalm 79/ Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 103/ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Exodus 20:1-17/ Psalm 19/ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/
John 2:13-25

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Karl and Barb Wetzel 11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks forward before Sunday Masses.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,998.00 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., 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 9:2-10

In today's Gospel reading, Mark tells us that Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain. While there, Jesus was transfigured and appeared with Moses and Elijah. Peter, being nervous and wanting to please Jesus, offered to make three tents - one for each of them. Suddenly, they heard the voice of God proclaiming, "This is my beloved son. Listen to Him." When this was all done and the four were heading back down the mountain, Jesus made them promise not to tell anyone what had happened until he had risen from the dead.

What do you think the word "transfigured" means?

If you were one of the disciples and saw this, what would your reaction be?

*Do you think it was easy for the disciples to keep this secret?
Why or why not?*

Can you keep a secret when asked to?

Talk about what they did and how that made you feel.