



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 12, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communication Campaign.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – *Retrouvaille* simply means “rediscovery.” Start the New Year rediscovering yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a *Retrouvaille* weekend, which is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with the weekend on January 24-26, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you did not use envelopes last year and would like to this year, please call the parish office. Thank you.

“ESSENCE OF PEACE”- our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is hosting a Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction, Saturday, February 1, 2014 from Noon – 2 pm. The Silent Auction bidding begins when the doors open at 11:00 am. \$35.00 per person. Help us raise funds for the renovation of the retreat house chapel. Register online at www.olpretreat.org or phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Vicki Grorud and Mary Gabelsberger
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY: \$1,491.25

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,894.98

FOR SIMPLE SUPPER: \$899.14 Thank you.

The annual season of light draws to a close. January may be quite bleak in northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores, and communities regularly package their Christmas décor and store it away for eleven months. For the Church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all those loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery. It remembers one more aspect of Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding of the mystery of Jesus through the recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of his public life because the varied details of their accounts unveil his identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. He is the beloved Son.

These proclamations about Jesus summon us to fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: The Baptism of the Lord. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/
Matthew 3:13-17
- Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/ Psalm 116/ Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/ Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/ Psalm 40/ Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalm 44/ Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:1-2
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Psalm 21/ Mark 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/ Psalm 40/
1 Corinthians 1:1-3/ John 1:29-34

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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

“Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him and rise with him . . . The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom .

“Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open.”

(from a sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, bishop, The Liturgy of the Hours, vol. I, pp. 634-35).