



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Super	April 5	7:30 PM
Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	April 6	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	April 7	7:30 PM
Easter Sunday	Mass of the Lord's Resurrection	April 8	9:00 and 11:00 AM

THE CHRISM MASS will be celebrated by Archbishop John G. Vlazny and the priests of the Archdiocese of Portland on Monday evening, April 2 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. At the Chrism Mass the Holy Oils used in the sacraments are blessed for use the following year. All are invited to attend.

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.

HOW WILL YOU HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE? - This week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection, which** helps provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life.

AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL MASS we will continue our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection by breaking bread and sharing food in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if you can help with set-up, decorating, serving or clean-up. Also, if you are planning on bringing an appetizer or dessert, please sign the sheet in the back of the church, indicating what you will bring.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Your contributions support Catholic Relief Services' projects around the world as well as projects in our own diocese.

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES 2012

St. Anthony (Tigard)	Tues.	March 20	1:15 PM
St. Clare	Wed.	March 21	7:00 PM
St. Cyril (Wilsonville)	Wed.	March 21	7:00 PM
Resurrection (Tualatin)	Thurs.	March 22	7:00 PM
St. Anthony (Tigard)	Tues.	March 27	7:00 PM
Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Oswego)	Tues.	April 3	7:00 PM

THE EASTER EDITION OF THE WORD AMONG US is available in the back of the Church. It contains the Mass readings from April 8 through May 31 along with daily meditations.

It is a paradox of human living that signs of death are so frequently signs of healing. To this day the ancient caduceus, one or two snakes wrapped around a pole, stands as a sign of a pharmacist or physician. We know that the venom of vipers is used to make the antidote which heals those bitten by the same snakes. Despite the commonness of this paradox we still find it difficult to say "amen" to Jesus' preaching of death as the way to life.

All of us want to be lifted up -- but not upon the cross. All of us want to have eternal life -- but none of us wants to die. When it comes to matters of sin and alienation the cure seems worse than the disease.

The prophet Jeremiah attempted to point out the same sort of paradox to his people. Was it truly possible that God could restore the nation at the hand of Cyrus, the king of Persia? We do not look to the enemy for healing and integrity. But God is always breaking through human expectations. Paul knew that whenever we begin to think that healing is wrought by our own hands then we begin to think in very restricted categories. If healing and wholeness are God's work then the possibilities are as limitless as they are undeserved.

Lent is an invitation to think the impossible and to live in impossible ways. Whoever rejects the impossible chooses condemnation. Whoever believes, whoever dares to live lifted up with Christ on the cross, is drawn with Christ to God.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 4th Sunday of Lent. 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/ Psalm 137/
Ephesians 2:4-10/ John 3:14-21

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16/
Psalm 89/ Romans 4:13,16-18,22/ Matthew 1:6,18-21,24a

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9,12/ Psalm 46/ John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/ Psalm 145/ John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/ Psalm 106/ John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a,12-22/ Psalm 34/ John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/ Psalm 7/ John 7:40-53

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent. Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51/ Hebrews 5:7-9/
John 12:20-33

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Vince & Bev Deguc 11:00 AM: Pat & Corky Fleck

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,688.00 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

John 3:14-21

In today's reading from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus telling Nicodemus, who is a Pharisee, that the "Son of Man" (Jesus) must be lifted up so that all who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. Jesus says God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus – and that if we believe in Him, we will be saved. Jesus, who is the light, came into the world. Those who do evil work, hate the light, and do not come toward it. But those who live the truth, come to Jesus, and their actions are reflections of God.

God's love for us is huge! How can you respond to such love?

What can you do to show God your thanks for his great gift?

