



**ELIZABETH
OF HUNGARY**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2009
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) COLLECTION IS NOVEMBER 21-22. CCHD is the national and local domestic anti-poverty, social justice grant program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Its philosophy emphasizes empowerment and participation—**projects done by and with people, not to or for them**—people living in poverty must have the dominant voice in the organization. And poverty rates are increasing: last year the Oregon Food Bank gave out 13% more emergency food boxes than the previous year. 36% of the people the food bank was feeding were children. CCHD expects organizations requesting funding to understand and adhere to the basic principles which are central to the Catholic mission. For more information, call the Office of Justice and Peace/Respect Life at 503-233-8361 or email justiceandpeace@archdpdx.org.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY. Please get your pictures in as soon as possible for the parish directory. Photos are taken after any mass. You may send a digital photo via email (photos@stelizabethportland.net), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. We want photos that clearly show your faces. There will be a memorial page in the directory, so please send in pictures of deceased parishioners. We are selling small business card-sized ads in the parish directory to offset some of the cost. If you have a business we would like to tell the parish about, please contact us. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL! It's time to be thinking about giving of your time or to buy gifts for the children of St. Elizabeth's Angel Tree program. Each year, a sponsored child in the Portland area receives gifts from our parish on behalf of their incarcerated parent serving time in an Oregon prison. If you would like to participate to volunteer your time, please call Gina Bainbridge, 503-244-5196. Gift tags will be available on Dec. 6, 2009. Gifts are to be returned to St. Elizabeth **BEFORE** Dec. 16, 2009. Drivers deliver the gifts to the children's homes on Dec. 9, 2009.

ST. ELIZABETH CHOIR - If you would like to participate in our choir for our St. Nicholas celebration (December 4 at 6:00 or 6:30 PM) and Christmas Eve (December 24 at 4:00 PM and 9:30 PM) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM), please sign up on the list in the parish hall. All practices will be from 7:00 PM to 8:25 PM. Rehearsal dates are as follows:

Tues. 10/27	Tues. 11/17	<u>Thurs.</u> 12/10
<u>Thurs</u> 11/5	Tues. 11/24	Tues. 12/15
Tues. 11/10	Tues. 12/1	Tues. 12/22 (Last Rehearsal)

THE TRAVELING CRIB has been set up in the parish hall for the month of November to collect baby items and maternity supplies for the Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services and Elizabeth House maternity home. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, this project makes the donation of critical items to clients in need more consistent throughout the year. A list of requested items can be found on the table next to the crib.

BOOK IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS - Catholic Family Book Center sent us a flyer on books for children ages two through nine for the Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas seasons. You can order these hard-to-find books directly by phone or on their website. Flyers are in the back of the Church.

Like their Jewish forbears, the first generation of Christians were heirs to a promise: the Lord will come. At first they expected the promise to be kept within their lifetime. When the world began to collapse around them under the Roman onslaught on Jerusalem, they echoed the anguished questions asked by Daniel's people during a brutal persecution of the city generations before.: When will he come? How will we know the time is at hand?

Our world, like theirs, seems threatened with ruin. Nations brandish nuclear weapons at nations; economies rise and fall; whole populations slowly starve before the watching eyes of the television cameras. Again we remember that we are heirs to the promise. Again we hear voices around us clamoring to know if it will be kept in our lifetime. When will he come? How will we know?

Hidden beneath this global anxiety may lie some awareness that for each of us the world is indeed passing away. With every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age, we are reminded that we personally are heirs to the promise. It will be kept in our lifetime. When will the Lord come for us in death? How will we know?

The ambiguous answer given to the first generation of Christians is given to us. We must seek the signs of the kingdom in our times and in our lives, but we must not become preoccupied with predictions of the day and the hour. It matters far less at what moment the Lord will come than how he will find us living the gospel on his arrival.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Daniel 12:1-3/ Psalm 16/ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/ Mark 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Psalm 119/ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31/ Psalm 3/ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31/ Psalm 17/ Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29/ Psalm 50/ Luke 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/ 1 Chronicles 29:10-12/ Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13/ Psalm 9/ Luke 20: 27-40

Next Sunday: **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King** Daniel 7:13-14/ Psalm 93/

Revelation 1:5-8/ John 18:33b-37

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION - Sponsored by Catholic Charities Ministry to the Elderly Committee for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any way. Friday, December 4, 2009, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Therese Parish, 1260 NE 132nd Ave.. Presented by Rev. Francis Chun. Call St. E's. office or see bulletin board.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,536.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Barbara and Worth Caldwell

9:00 AM: Gina, Julie and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 AM: Jean and Bill Horton

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

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and family. Start talking. Share your faith!!

Mark 13: 24-32

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that His words will not pass away.

Think of some of the words of Jesus. What are some of your favorite things that Jesus said? Why do you think Jesus' words will last forever? What is so important about them?

When you talk to other people like your family or friends, do you use some of Jesus' words? How can you help other people learn what Jesus told us?

