



JANUARY 17, 2010

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI. You may also donate by calling Catholic Relief Services at 1-800-736-3467 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or you may send in a donation via the mail. Mail your check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. If you prefer to donate online visit the Archdiocese website @ www.archdpx.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. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

ROE V. WADE PROLIFE RALLY, this Sunday, January 17th, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Pioneer Courthouse Square. Remembering the millions of lives lost to abortion. Archbishop John Vlazny is featured as one of many inspirational speakers.

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. Additional school tours - Friday, January 22nd from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Application materials and further details regarding our school programs can be accessed at www.sjfschool.org.

MINISTRY FORMATION - Archdiocesan course and retreat schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Registration by mail, fax, phone or Internet. Web site can be found at <http://minfrm.archdpx.org/>

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Anne and Tom Barwick

9:00 AM: Jack and Ronnie Smith 11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,255.16 Thank you.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 96/ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11/ John 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23/ Psalm 50/ Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51/ Psalm 144/ Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Psalm 56/ Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21/ Psalm 57/ Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Psalm 80/ Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Psalm 19/ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30/ Luke 1:1-4 and 4:14-21

The choice wine at Cana and the Eucharist. Possibly, another subordinate theological motif in the Johannine scene is sacramental; our general cautions about Johannine sacramentality would lead us to insist, however, that if there is eucharistic symbolism, it is incidental and should not be exaggerated. As for other sacramentalism, in TS 23 (1962), 199-200, we argued against the attempt by some Catholic writers to see in the Cana narrative a reference to Matrimony as a sacrament. To suggest that the wedding feast of Cana is a foreshadowing of the nuptials of the Lamb (Rev xix 9) in the sense that Mary symbolizes the Church as the spouse of Christ is not only to confuse symbolism (Mary and Jesus are not being married at Cana), but also to give major stress to an incidental background. Likewise, we reject the attempt to see baptismal symbolism at Cana. Though the water for Jewish purifications is replaced, it is not replaced by the waters of Christian Baptism but by wine.

The suggestion (Clement of Alexandria, Cyril of Jerusalem, Cyprian) that the "choice wine" of the Cana story may have been intended to remind the readers of the Gospel of Eucharistic wine deserves more serious consideration. *Such symbolism would be secondary, for the primary meaning of the wine is clearly Jesus' gift of salvation, for which light, water, and food are other Johannine symbols.* What are the external and internal criteria used to establish the possibility of this interpretation? *Externally*, a 2nd- or 3rd- century fresco in an Alexandrian catacomb joins Cana and the multiplication of the loaves, thus bread and wine; and in John the multiplication of the loaves has undeniable Eucharistic overtones. Irenaeus (Adv. Haer. III 16:7), speaking of Cana, mentions that Mary wanted beforetime to partake of "the cup of recapitulation"; and this seems to be a reference to the Eucharistic cup. *Internally*, the Gospel itself does draw a connection between the Cana scene and the hour which is to begin formally at the Last Supper (xiii 1). Also, the dating of the Cana scene (ii 13), of the multiplication of the loaves (vi 4), and of the Last Supper to the period before Passover does seem to bind the three scenes together and to aid in associating the wine of Cana with the bread of the multiplication as a symbolic anticipation of the Eucharistic bread and wine. Others associate Mary's presence at Cana and her presence at the foot of the cross when blood flowed from the side of Christ. The fact that wine is the blood of the grape (Gen xlix 11,; Deut xxxii 14; Sir 1 15) has also been invoked. And it is true that "choice wine" in place of the waters for Jewish purification could stand for the true cleansing agent of the Christian dispensation ---"the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John i 7). However, many of these internal indications of sacramental intent are at most poetic allusions which do not more than make a Eucharistic interpretation possible.

(Raymond E. Brown, SS., *The Gospel According to John*, Anchor Bible, vol. 29, Doubleday, 1966, pp. 109-110)



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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

John 2:1-11

In this Gospel, Mary the mother of our Lord, realizes that the host of a wedding party is running out of wine. She asks Jesus to do something about it, and then tells the servants that they should do whatever he tells them to do. Jesus tells the servants to fill the water jars with water, and then performs a miracle by turning all the water into wine.

Do you do what Jesus tells you to do? Why or why not?

Do you follow all his commandments? Or do you pick and choose?

Have you ever asked Mary to intercede for you to Her son Jesus?

If you have done this, talk about that time and what happened.