



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2010

**ST. ELIZABETH OF
HUNGARY CHURCH**

"Count Me In!" Commitment Sunday

As you are aware, St. Elizabeth is participating in our Archdiocese's *Sharing Our Faith, Shaping Our Future* all-parish campaign. The effort is supporting seminarian education, priest retirement and Catholic education/faith formation initiatives. In addition, 25 percent of what our parish raises will assist us in hiring a religious education director, replacing the windows in the Little House, installing sliding doors at the rectory and building a covered entryway on the side entrance of the church.

So far, we have raised \$122,00 which is almost 50 percent of our target. Today the parish will offer all parishioners the opportunity to make a pledge during the Masses. Pledge forms are available for you to complete during Mass.

ALL SAINTS DAY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1. Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE of those who have died is in the back of the church where you may write the names of those you wish to remember during the month of November.

ST. ELIZABETH CHOIR -If you would like to participate in our choir for our St. Nicholas celebration (December 3 at 8:00 PM) and Christmas Eve (December 24 at 4:00 PM and 9:30 PM) and Christmas Day (December 25 at 10:00 AM), please sign up on the list in the parish hall. All practices will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, November 9 through December 21.

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

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish food bank to help feed the hungry.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

LaSalle Catholic College Prep
De LaSalle North Catholic

November 7
November 14

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY \$3,887.00 **WORLD MISSIONS:** \$1,120.26 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM: Barbara and Worth Caldwell

9:00 AM: Maryla and Greg Kaminski 11:00AM Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

Now what does sitting at table with others mean? Is it only an act and expression of a human attitude which is not denied even to the outlaw, leaving convention and prejudice far behind? Jesus' parables show that the fellowship of the table is, as it has been from ancient times, a symbol of the closest fellowship with God, and a picture of that joyful age brought by the Messiah (Matthew 8:11; Mark 2:15 ff.; Luke 14:16 ff.; Matthew 22:1 ff.). So there can be no doubt that Jesus' earthly fellowship with tax collectors and sinners has also a strong connection with his preaching of the coming of the kingdom of God. We must not be too quick to seek too close a relationship between this connection and a Messianic doctrine which the texts do not express and which, where such expressions do appear, point clearly to the belief of the later Church. And yet the gospel tradition has given apt expression to the unity of words in Jesus' preaching and attitude, by choosing significantly and not fortuitously the scene of a feast for many of the sayings of the lord. That is the case not only for the parable of the great supper (Luke 14), but especially in the three parables of the lost-- the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son (Luke 15).

Of course there is no historical importance in their setting. And yet the frame is not unimportant, a true and unmistakable indication that what the parables say actually happens in Jesus' fellowship with other people. If it were otherwise, we could find the meaning of the parables as has so often been done, in the timeless idea of a loving, forgiving Father in heaven. In fact, however, the parables tell of this love becoming a reality in Jesus' deeds and words. In the story of the healing of the paralytic Jesus says to the sick man: "My son, your sins are forgiven: (Mark 2:5). Why are his opponents enraged at this? Not because he expresses the idea of the love of God and the hope of his mercy, but because he is doing what is God's prerogative. "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7). This infuriates his opponents, even as it makes harlots and tax collectors participants in his joy. "Today salvation has come to this house!" can also be cited from the story of Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:9).

(Gunther Bornkamm, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Harper & Row, 1960, pp. 80-81)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom 11:22 through 12:2/ Psalm 145
2 Thessalonians 1:11 through 2:2/ Luke 19:1-10

Monday: All Saints. Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/ Psalm 24/ 1 John 3:1-3/ Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday: The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls).

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23/ Romans 5:5-11

Wednesday: Philippians 2:12-18/ Psalm 27/ Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8a/ Psalm 105/ Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Philippians 3:17 through 4:1/ Psalm 122/ Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19/ Psalm 112/ Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,-14/ Psalm 17/

2 Thessalonians 2:16 through 3:5/ Luke 20:27-38

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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

Reflection

But sinner though he is, Zaccheus is curious about Jesus and climbs a tree to get a look at him -- perhaps also to stay at a safe distance from him. But when Jesus looks at him, and calls him, Zaccheus responds "quickly" and "with joy," and with full, voluntary repentance for the wrong he has done. Then, Jesus comes to him at his table. It is the same for us. Drawn to Jesus, we hardly know why, we glimpse him from afar. But then Jesus calls us into a closer relationship with him. He forgives our sins, and he invites us to feast at his table.

