



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2010

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



In the next weeks we and the Archdiocese will be communicating with you about the next steps in the Capital Campaign. Soon after that we will schedule meetings to answer any questions you have. During that interval we encourage you to consider how you can best contribute to this five year campaign to support the many missions of our own parish and assure a successful future for the critical ministries of the Church of Western Oregon

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Alexa Michael Kriesien, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Kevin and Julie Kriesien.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, or if you are an adult or are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office to indicate your interest. Preparation meetings will begin in September. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

FIRST COMMUNION - Classes will begin soon. A sign-up sheet is available in the parish hall, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168 to register.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS?

Assignments for the serving of coffee and donuts two or three times a year will be made soon. It's a great way to get to better know your fellow parishioners. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

4TH ANNUAL ROSARY BOWL NW - Saturday, October 2, Oregon Fairgrounds Pavilion Building, Salem, Oregon, 1-5 Exit 256. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. www.rosarybowlnw.org See bulletin board.

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT HOUSE presents "Touched by Grace" Women's Weekend Silent Retreat, September 24-26, 2010 with Father Peter O'Brien. See bulletin board.

2011 OREGON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY Order online with a credit care at 222.ocp.org/directory2011 or call 1-800-LITURGY (548-8749). \$25 each.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM Vince and Bev Deguc 11:00AM Jim and Karyl Frazer

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



SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH PICNIC/OKTOBERFEST
Saturday, September 25 at 5:00 PM



Helping hands needed.
Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages provided.
Sign-up in the back of the church.

Forgiveness is the greatest and the most incomprehensible miracle of God's love because God communicates himself in it, and does this to a person who in something which only appears to be a mere banality of everyday life has managed to do the monstrous thing of saying "no" to God.

God's word of forgiveness is not only the consequence, but is also and ultimately the presupposition of the conversion in which a guilty person turns to God and surrenders himself in faith, trust and contrition, and it can be heard in the depths of conscience. For as the ground upon which conversion is based, this word of forgiveness dwells within the trusting and loving return of a person to God, the return in which this person repents and does homage to the merciful love of God. Throughout the length and breadth of the history of the human race this quiet word of forgiveness often has to be enough by itself.

(Karl Rahner, *Foundations of Christian Faith*, Crossroad, 1978, p. 421)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/ Psalm 51/
1 Timothy 1:12-17/ Luke 15:1-32
Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33/ Psalm 40/ Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/
Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31 through 13:13/ Psalm 33/ John 19:25-27
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Psalm 118/ Luke 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20/ Psalm 17/ Luke 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49/ Psalm 56/ Luke 8:4-15
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Amos 8:4-7/ Psalm 113/
1 Timothy 2:1-8/ Luke 16:10-13

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY \$3,624.28 SIMPLE SUPPER: \$391.00 Thank you.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 3:00 PM

BAPTISM and ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office

MARRIAGE: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, CSP, Administrator

Joan Enright, Parish Secretary - 9:00 AM-3:00PM, Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTION

LUKE 15:1-32

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells three parables, or stories, which show us how eager God is to find us when we stray. When we fail to treat other people the way Jesus did, God is still willing to welcome us home. As in the story of this Prodigal Son, God rushes toward us with love, compassion, and forgiveness. Actually, God's love, compassion, and forgiveness are almost too much to be believed. It is just about impossible for us to offer forgiveness and reconciliation on this grand of a scale -- or is it? This is the challenge each of us faces.

What can we learn from these parables?

Why does God rush toward us with such loving compassion?

Are you able to forgive and reconcile with those people who have hurt you? Why or why not?