



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE
10th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration
Friday, December 2, 2011
6:00 PM

Lessons and Carols
Potluck Dinner
Appearance by St. Nicholas

Elves are needed for set-up
and kitchen duties. Sign-up to follow.

FIGHT POVERTY IN AMERICA - DEFEND HUMAN DIGNITY

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. (Of 147 parishes and missions that contributed to CCHD in 2010, St. Elizabeth of Hungary is the 85th largest parish and ranked 9th, collecting \$1798, a 16% increase from 2009!) Thank you for your generosity.

SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS We will be joining other parishes in our Vicariate in a sock collection next weekend, November 19th and 20th.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT, led by Archbishop Vlazny, is scheduled to begin the evening of Friday, January 27th and conclude Sunday, January 29th. It will be held at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, 3600 SW 170th Avenue in Beaverton. To apply, please see Fr. Jim.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY COMMITTEE is sponsoring an Advent Day of Recollection for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, located at 2310 SE 148th Avenue in Portland. Pre-registration is required and a \$15 fee will be charged for lunch. (St. Elizabeth Church will reimburse any parishioner who would like to attend.) To register, please mail your name, address, phone number, parish name, and a \$25 check (made out to Catholic Charities) to: Day of Recollection, Catholic Charities, 2740 SE Powell Blvd. #1, Portland, OR 97202.

MOTHER & CHILD (formerly Birthright) 40TH ANNIVERSARY

We thank you all and ask that you join us as we celebrate 40 years of delivering love to moms and babies. St. Mary's Cathedral, Lower Cathedral Center, 131 NW 17th Avenue, Portland, Sunday, November 13, 2011, 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Ample free parking. Refreshments. Music. Raffle Prizes.

Again this Sunday we hear the insistence on the active vigilance and bold risk required of those who await the Lord. Matthew clearly has in mind a smug community without zeal. He describes as a "worthless lazy lout" the servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in a servile way what he thinks are his orders. Matthew has so consistently urged believers to outdo themselves that we should not be surprised when the servant who takes the greatest risk reaps the greatest reward.

Matthew does not mince words. What is at stake is the eternal relationship between Christ and the Christian, that "master's joy" which we are called to share. On the last day we will have the judge that we deserve. Jesus is neither harsh nor arbitrary. What he expects of us is in proportion to his love. He asks us to risk everything in order to be open to receive all he has to give. The capital which the Lord entrusts to us is first and foremost his word: it opens our lives to infinite horizons.

Have Christians failed to proclaim the word for fear of risk, for lack of imagination and of initiative in the face of the world's needs? We must not miss our rendezvous with history because of an excess of that caution that has too long confined us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Psalm 128/

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/ Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/

Psalm 119/ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: 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: Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

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: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/ Psalm 23/

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/ Matthew 25:31-46



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COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,923.25 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$434.55 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: David and Agnes Craford

11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

READERS - Your new workbooks are available in the chapel. Please sign when you take yours.

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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

Matthew 25:14-30

In today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus again talks about the importance of preparing for God to enter into our lives. In baptism, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In addition to the spiritual gifts we each have abilities or talents that we need to develop and use to help Jesus in building God's kingdom on earth, thus preparing for God's coming.

Think about each person in your family and name a gift or talent or ability that each person has.

Listen to what your family tells you about your gifts, talents, and abilities. What can you do to develop those gifts, talents, and abilities in order to help prepare for Jesus to come again?