



27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, **Chloe Jesse Smith**, who will be baptized this Saturday, October 1, 2011. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Jesse and Kari Smith**.

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 or sign up in the back of the church.. Preparation meetings will begin soon.

FIRST COMMUNION - Classes will begin soon. If you would like to enroll your child, please sign up in the gathering space at the back of the church or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

CHOIR - Have you always wanted to be a part of our choir? Now is the time to come and join our first choir practice on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:45 to 8:15 PM. If you can carry a tune or play an instrument, please sign up at the back of the church and/or talk to Tim or Laurel. We will be learning new music and mass parts besides preparing for Advent and Christmas services. Practices will continue on most Tuesdays. All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 13th, 10:00 a.m.

Author of ***Letters from a Distant Shore***, Marie Lawson Fiala, will visit St. Elizabeth Church to lead a faith-filled discussion and sign her book, a true story of faith and family and the miraculous power of prayer.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A SATURDAY WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL? This is a once-a-year commitment only. If you are interested, please see George Freund or call him at 503-970-9645. He can also be reached at gnfreund@yahoo.com.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, 9000 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Portland. Phone 503-291-5423

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL is offering a series of Adult Faith Education classes at the Cathedral, 1716 NW Davis Street. Brochures are available in the back of the church, or visit the parish web site @ www.maryscathedral.com.

"STRANGERS NO LONGER IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD" A conference studying culture, enculturation, multicultural and bilingual liturgies will present a "Parish Day" on October 15, 2011. Open to all, especially pastoral workers and staff, liturgical (and hospital) ministers and musician . For more information contact the Office of Worship (503-233-8342). A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

The parable of the murderous tenants describes a radical crisis in the life of the Messiah and in the history of salvation. Having spoken tirelessly to those responsible for the vineyard of Israel, God finally appeals to them through his Son. With unequalled authority, Jesus announces the approach of the harvest of the last times. Earth must yield its fruit. The people of God must welcome their Messiah!

But the children are no better than their ancestors. Just as the latter rejected the just ones and the prophets, so also the scribes and Pharisees prepare to murder the heir to God's beloved vineyard. The people of the promise run the risk of rejecting their election, of breaking the covenant through which God's plan was to be realized. Jesus uses this parable as a clear proclamation of his death. He came into the world and his own people did not receive him. They finally rejected the Son and heir and even crucified him outside the city. The parable ends with a prophetic threat: the Church of the risen One will soon take up the mission once laid upon Israel. Matthew expresses the conviction that this new people will bring the vineyard to fruit.

Yet these new tenants must not in their turn disappoint the Lord who never ceases to demand the fruit of his vineyard. We cannot remind ourselves enough that the Church is built on the stone that was rejected. Called together by this outcast, we must open ourselves to the banished of this world and make choices which may be punished by death outside the walls. If not, then "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will yield a rich harvest."

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 5:1-7/ Psalm 80/
Philippians 4:6-9/ Matthew 21:33-43

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2,11/ Jonah 2:2-5,8/ Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 130/Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11/ Psalm 86/ Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b/ Psalm 1/ Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2/ Psalm 9/ Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Joel 14:12-21/ Psalm 97/ Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Dave and Marge Hartmann

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,203.00 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

Matthew 21:33-43:

Jesus helps us to understand that God is the landowner in today's Gospel reading from the book of Matthew. In this parable we learn about a landowner who wants renters who will care for his crops and produce a rich harvest of fine fruit. (In the parable, God is the landowner and we are the tenants or renters). It means that God wants us to care for the world and everything in it.

Discuss one special talent of each family member.

How can you use those talents this week to help others produce good fruit?