



**"Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven."**

24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



58% of St. Elizabeth parishioners have donated or made a pledge to the Capital Campaign. In an effort to promote greater parish participation, a venerable parish grandfather has offered to pledge \$25.00 for each new donation or pledge made by September 25th. Can you take advantage of this generous offer to increase our participation numbers? Gift/Pledge cards are available in the back of the church.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST - It's time once again to begin the contest to select the artwork to be featured on the Catholic Charities 2011 Christmas Card. Children of all parish schools and parish religious education programs are invited to participate. Flyers can be found in the back of the church outlining the contest rules. Artwork must be submitted to St. Elizabeth by September 30. Entries must be submitted by the parish. Individual entries will not be accepted.

BOOK REVIEW- *Letters from a Distant Shore*

You are invited to read a very special true story of faith and family and the miraculous power of prayer from Catholic author **Marie Lawson Fiala**. Marie will be visiting St. Elizabeth's in early Fall 2011 for a parish discussion. Date TBA.

Tragedy shattered Marie Lawson Fiala's life as a wife, mother, and lawyer when her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, was felled by a massive hemorrhage from a ruptured artery deep in his brain. Within an hour, Jeremy was in a coma, sustained only by machines. This memoir of a mother's ferocious care and fierce determination to bring her child home alive and functioning despite devastating loss will win the hearts of families who have ever suffered from physical trauma with loved ones. ***Letters from a Distant Shore*** is available for purchase on amazon.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES is seeking loving families interested in learning about their Open Adoption Program. An orientation weekend is planned for September 16 & 17. Details and contact information is on the bulletin board.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS St Anthony Catholic Church in Tigard is sponsoring a three Saturday in-depth Continuing Education Class for Adults in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office September 24, October 1 & 8, 2011. Learn about the Mass including the new Roman Missal and an overview of the seven Sacraments. Both credit and audit options are available. A brochure and registration form with additional details and contact information are posted on the bulletin board.

"STRANGERS NO LONGER IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD" A conference studying culture, inculturation, 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 musicians. For more information contact the Office of Worship (503-233-8342) A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

The most difficult reality we have to overcome is our own former personal judgments and prejudices. We would probably be much closer to people if we did not see them with our own eyes, if we did not listen to them with our selective hearing, if we would believe more deeply what Christ has said to us of them. The Christian community is intended to be a model, to be a proof of this presence in us. Our greatest liability is that our communion of prayer does not become visible. It is not evident how we love one another, how we understand one another. There is no mid-ground between hatred and love, there is no mid-ground between enemy and friend. But in the gospel, to have an enemy means that we are unconnected, that we are unrelated, that we do not acknowledge that this is my other self, that this is me. We are one body. There are no strangers, no enemies, there are no distances between us in Christ. We have to make this known and seen; it has to become visible. And that means that we have to take tremendous risks and that is why intuitively we each fear prayer and fear conversion because it is a dangerous business

(Edward J. Farrell, *The Father is Very Fond of Me*, Dimension Books, 1975, pp. 58-59)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: : 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 27:30 through 28:7/ Psalm 103/
Romans 14:7-9/ Matthew 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8/ Psalm 28/ Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3: 1-13/ Psalm 101/ Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/
Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3: 13-17

Thursday 1 Timothy 4: 12-16/ Psalm 111/ Luke 2: 33-35

Friday 1 Timothy 6:2c-12/ Psalm 49/ Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday: 1 Timothy 6: 13-16/ Psalm 100/ Luke 8::4-15

Next Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6-9/ Psalm 145/ Philippians 1:20c-24,27a/
Matthew 20: 1-16a

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4330.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER** \$907.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM Patricia Krajeck & Kelly Britz

9:00 AM: Vince & Bev Deguc 11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

