



26TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CAPITAL CAMPASIGN - 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.

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. Please see insert.

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. There is a special need for soups, especially the "hearty" varieties, cream of chicken, and clam chowder.

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.

IF YOU HAVEN'T READ the Archbishop's editorial on the New Roman Missal on page 2 of the September 2nd-15th edition of the Catholic Sentinel, please do so. Copies are in the back of the church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST - Entries to the Catholic Charities 2011 Christmas card contest must be submitted to St. Elizabeth by **September 30**. Children of all parish schools and parish religious education programs are invited to participate. Flyers are in the back of the church outlining the contest rules. Entries must be submitted by the parish.

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.

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, 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 prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel introduced a new insight. It is not only the nation as a whole that must make moral choices and suffer their consequences. Every person must decide to obey or disobey the word of God spoken in the Law and the prophets; and every person must take the consequences. In that sense, judgment belongs to the one who makes the choice, not to the God who accepts it. We are fair or unfair to ourselves.

Both prophet and evangelist remind us that no choice is definitive except the final one. The son may say one thing now and do another later. In fact, most of us have played both the first son and the second: we have made commitments we have not kept and kept commitments we had not made. Our lives are always in the making through the process of decision. Yet we shape ourselves gradually into one consistent pattern of obedience or disobedience by the choices we make.

The gospel, echoing many an Old Testament passage, suggests that it is not we alone who are affected by the outcome. In the parable, the man is father to both sons. In the story of Jesus, God is parent to the chief priests and elders as well as to the tax collectors and prostitutes. He sends the word of salvation to them both. We can imagine the father standing at his door awaiting the return of both the sons he sent to the vineyard. And only one appears.

Whatever our past choices, today's message is clear: now is always the time to repent and believe. No one is so urgent about our decision as the God who has given us both the choice and the power to make it in Christ Jesus. "Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live? (Ezekiel 18:23).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18:25-28/ Psalm 25/
Philippians 2:1-11/ Matthew 21:28-32

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8/ Psalm 102/ Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23/ Psalm 87/ Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8/ Psalm 137/ Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Michael Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/
Or Revelation 12:7-12a/ Psalm 138/ John 1:47-51

Friday: Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalm 79/ Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Psalm 69/ Luke 10:17-24

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



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Stephen and Carla Loughlin

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly

11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:

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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 21:28-32

This gospel reading from Matthew has three parts: Jesus tells a parable, Jesus asks for a response to the Parable, and then he interprets it for the crowds. The gospel leaves no doubt as to what it means -- grace, which is the goodness and mercy of God, is given to both the deserving and the undeserving. This passage makes some people feel unhappy, while for others it can be a comforting experience -- it all depends on how we see ourselves! Clearly Jesus is telling the crowd that no matter who is receiving the grace, it is freely given with no judgment involved.

If you were to ask friends, "For what do I need to repent?" If they were being honest, what would they say?

Repenting is more than just saying, "I'm sorry." It calls for a change of heart. How do you begin to find this change in your heart? Talk about a time when you have done this.

If we had to define it, what would "talking the talk" and walking the walk" mean in the Gospel? What is the difference between these? Describe a situation that illustrates (or shows) the difference.