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Reverence
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Christ.
Ephesians

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 26, 2012**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
AFTER 4:00 PM MASS
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS

Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages are provided.
Helping hands are needed.
Please sign up 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.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - 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.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

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.

2012 SERRA REGION 12 CONVENTION, Friday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 23
Embassy Suites, 9000 SW Washington Square Road., Tigard, OR 97223

All are invited to attend!

Keynote speakers are: Fr. John Henderson; Fr. Brett A. Brannen; Sr. Theresa Lamkin, OSF; Fr. Paul Grubb, S.J., and Fr. Mike Biewend.

Panel Discussion, facilitated by Fr. Paul Grubb, S.J. - **Panelists** are Fr. Raul Marquez; Mary Jo Tully; Fr. Peter Siamoo and Sr. Eileen Brown, SNJM.

See bulletin board for details. Questions? Call Margret Harris, (503-645-5589) or Lynn Jones, (503-645-2172)

After Jesus' discourse on the bread of life, disbelief wins over even some of the disciples, who refuse to talk with him any longer. Jesus, however, will not relinquish the demand for faith. But he points out the futility of trying to achieve by human power what is possible only to God. He repeats the opposition between imperishable and perishable found in the introduction to the discourse (cf. John 6:27). "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." The work of the disciple is faith; life is the gift of God.

"Do you want to leave me too?" This poignant question drives us to take our stand with regard to Jesus: are we going to join the disbelievers or the Twelve? "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." This commitment must never be taken entirely for granted. The follower of Christ must depend on him and on the bread he gives for support. What Christians, striving to be believers, do not suffer daily from the disparity between their profession of faith and the way they translate it into reality? But that fragility of faith also serves as a cry, a call which the Father hears most particularly every time he gifts us, in the Eucharist, with the very life of his Son.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> . Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:21-32/ John 6:60-69
Monday:	<u>St. Monica</u> . 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday:	<u>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> . 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 22:23-26
Wednesday:	<u>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</u> . 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18/ Psalm 128/ Mark 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 1:1-9/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Corinthians 1:17-25/ Psalm 33/ Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31/ Psalm 33/ Matthew 25: 14-30
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> . Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/ Psalm 15/ James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27/ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,762.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM Lori and Sean O'Leary

9:00 AM: Maureen and Don Binzer

11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

Reflection

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians in the Second Reading, he compares the love and commitment of a husband and wife to the love and commitment between Christ and the Church. Like a husband and wife who are joined together so that "the two shall become one flesh," Christ and his Church are two who become one out of love and commitment.

In these two intimate images -- Christ, as the "bread of life," feeding us with himself, and Christ as the spouse of the Church, becoming one with all of us --- today's readings show us Christ as one who loves and sustains all those who freely choose to believe in his words of everlasting life.