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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

YEAR OF FAITH - "The Year of Faith began on October 11 of this year. It will conclude on the feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. October 11 of this year will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and also the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is the Holy Father's hope and prayer that Catholics will seize the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the faith by reflecting on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism. But even more importantly, his invitation is a 'summons to an authentic and a new conversion to the Lord, the one Savior of the world.' In other words, it's time for many of us to reconnect with an old friend and to enter into a deeper relationship with Him. We are asked once again to open more widely that door of faith, walk through it and rediscover the beauty and goodness of our relationship with Jesus and his church."

(Most Rev. John Vlazny, Archbishop of Portland)

LETTER TO CONGRESS - WIC, Head Start, and many housing and homelessness programs are all facing deep cuts set to take place in January. Congress can stop these cuts from taking place. The Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) is asking citizens to write to their Senators and members of Congress from Oregon to make budget choices that prioritize the needs of those who have been hit hardest by this economy. It's crucial that Oregon's elected leaders enter budget negotiations knowing that the state's faith community stands firmly behind programs that support and empower low-income people.

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN ON IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB has arrived at St. Elizabeth's, and will be here all the month of November. The crib is here to collect baby items and maternity supplies for **Pregnancy Support Services** at Catholic Charities. This is a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said "yes" to new life. Items that are most needed include new or gently used 0-3 month clothes, diapers, (sizes Newborn, 1, 2, 3), pack-n-plays, baby shampoo, baby soap, diaper cream, and maternity clothes. There is a special need for diapers. Cribs are not accepted.

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES & HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH invite you to a special **VESPERS**, on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 4 PM at Holy Redeemer Church, 25 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland, 97217. **Vespers**, or Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours. In this special **Vespers** we will pray for all those who have died. Bring with you or send us the written names of loved ones you want us to remember at **Vespers**. Contact Martha & Mary Ministries at 503-954-3840, email: life@marthamaryministries.org, website: marthamaryministries.org.

CHOIR PRACTICES will be held on the following Tuesdays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.:

November 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11 & 18

The practices are in preparation for the St. Nicholas service (at 6:00 p.m. on December 7th), the Christmas Eve masses (4:00 p.m. and 10 p.m.), and the Christmas Day mass (10 a.m.).

We invite those who have participated in the past as well as new musicians/instrumentalists. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

We shall be concerned here with the unity of love of the neighbour and love of God. Are they simply two things side by side, linked in some way by God's commandment, so that God is in fact loved, as he wills to be, if his commandment to love the neighbour is also respected and carried out as far as possible? Or are the two things more closely connected? It might, of course, be thought that God has commanded all kinds of things and that he regards as it were the fulfillment of these various precepts as a touchstone and concrete effect of what in the last resort is his sole will, namely, that man should love him, the eternal God, from his innermost centre, with his whole heart and strength. But fundamentally that is not so. The love of God and the neighbour form a much greater unity than they appear to have in the common view of them.

(Karl Rahner, *Everyday Faith*, Herder KG, 1967, p. 104)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Deuteronomy 6:2-6/ Psalm 18/ Hebrews 7:23-28/ Mark 12:28b-34
Monday:	Philippians 2:1-4/ Psalm 131/ Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Philippians 2:5-11/ Psalm 22/ Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Philippians 2:12-18/ Psalm 27/ Luke 14:25-33
Thursday:	Philippians 3:3-8a/ Psalm 105/ Luke 15:1-10
Friday:	<u>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.</u> Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/ John 2:13-22
Saturday:	<u>St. Leo the Great.</u> Philippians 4:10-19/ Psalm 112/ Luke 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	<u>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> 1 Kings 17:10-16/ Psalm 146/ Hebrews 9:24-28/ Mark 12:38-44

OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 4, Central Catholic High School, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,059.00

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: \$290.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: David Barberis and Elizabeth Duncan

9:00 AM: Liam and Antoinette Roberts 11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

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

Upon hearing Jesus' reply, the scribe did something quite unusual in the Gospel: he agreed and added to Jesus' own explanation by repeating the prophetic teaching that care for others is more important than any amount of sacrifice. Jesus tells the man he is not far from the kingdom of God. That statement seems to have put the scribe ahead of the pain-avoiding, infighting disciples as well as those who clung to their wealth. This is one of the very few moments in which we see Jesus speaking heart to heart with someone who shares and accepts his teaching.

