



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 22, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION – If you would like to enroll your child for sacramental preparation, please sign up in the gathering space at the back of the church or call the parish office.

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 a high school student and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office to indicate your interest, or sign up in the back of the church.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Thank you to all who signed up to serve on our Hospitality Committee. The new schedule for serving coffee and donuts will be sent to you next week. Please remember to come at least 20 minutes early on your day to serve.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on October 18-20, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org or www.Retrouvailleoregon.org.

The A GIFT (Adults Growing in Faith Together) The Returning Catholic Ministry of Our Lady of the Lake Church invites inactive and semi-active Catholics to come together to discuss their faith. The *Awakening Faith* program is structured to invite conversation and bonding between people. The resulting bonds help them see their connection to the Catholic faith and inspire them to learn and grow in their faith. Dynamics of sharing and conversation in an open and confidential way, with strong welcome and hospitality, reinforce the sense of connection...and re-connection. *“Awakening Faith”* sessions begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 and run through Wednesday, December 4, 2013. There are four additional weeks that are optional and may be added. Sessions will be held at the Parish Center, 650 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR, in the Cana Room from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. For further information call Irene Boone at 503-636-3125 or boone5121@comcast.net or Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915. See bulletin board for titles of sessions to be presented.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers to serve at OHSU. Recently some of our ministers have retired, so we do not have sufficient coverage to meet the needs of the Catholic patients. If you could serve even a few hours one day a month it would be very helpful. Training is provided for this very rewarding ministry.



SEEKING CAREGIVER IN ADULT CARE HOME – Specialized Level 111 adult care home, assisting persons in hospice with all areas of activities of daily living. Our mission is to promote dignity and hope at end of life and is based in the Catholic tradition. CNN, CMA, and hospice experience preferred. Part time with possibility of expanding to full time. Qualifications listed on bulletin board. Send resume to jobs@marthamaryministries.org.

As the economy fluctuates, preoccupation with money remains constant. The most difficult circumstances breed shrewd speculators who know how to play the market. They place their capital astutely and realize a good return. We often admire such people. They know how to take care of themselves. They proceed with cleverness and intelligence. They "succeed" in life.

The manager in today's gospel, accused of dissipating his master's goods, rewrites all of the accounts. Jesus admires not his lack of scruples but his ingenuity. Before he is fired, he takes advantage of the short time left to him to make friends. They will remember him when he is put out the door. What an opportunist has done in the affairs of this world, we must also do in the conquest of the kingdom of God.

Jesus shows us a sound investment. He describes Christian cleverness in the domain of seductive wealth. Its formidable powers of attraction may draw us into offering it a worship which ought to be given only to God. We must restore money to its role as a means and not an end. We are only stewards of our master's property. We can hold no exclusive title to what belongs to all his people. We must use it in the service of his kingdom.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Amos 8:4-7/ Psalm 113/ 1 Timothy 2:1-8/ Luke 16:1-13
Monday:	Ezra 1:1-6/ Psalm 126/ Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Psalm 122/ Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezra 9:5-9/ (Ps) Tobias 13:2-4, 7-8/ Luke 9:1-6
Thursday:	Haggai 1:1-8/ Psalm 149/ Luke 9:7-9
Friday:	<u>St. Vincent De Paul, priest.</u> Haggai 2:1-9/ Psalm 43/ Luke 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps)Jeremiah 31:10-13/Luke 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Amos 6:1a, 4-7/ Psalm 146/ 1 Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Linda Cole

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,570.05 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

At the heart of today's passage is the importance of integrity. Integrity is the courage to be who we are, and it honors God, our neighbors, and ourselves. People with integrity honor our neighbors, and ourselves. People with integrity honor God by trusting in the gifts that God has provided that characterize who they are. In the same way, the person of integrity honors self by accepting these gifts and using them for the life of the world. Finally, the person of integrity honors others. Integrity makes one trustworthy and true, and in this, the person imitates God.