



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?”

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,

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.

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 - Would you like to serve on our Hospitality Committee? New opportunities for serving Coffee and Donuts will be coming out next month. As a committee member you would be responsible for serving coffee and donuts after the 9:00 or 11:00 masses two or three times during the October-June period. This ministry is fun and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

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..

It is not an easy way of life that Jesus proposes to the "great crowd that was with him." His words are not addressed to a select few, the professional religious people, but to all who would follow him. He calls for radical renunciations. We must prefer nothing to the love of Christ, not even the strongest bonds of affection. To be his disciples, we must take up our cross and renounce everything.

Is this reasonable? We have become so reasonable that most of the time we no longer show any of that gospel audacity which marks the authentic disciple of Jesus. In a world where the conditions of life are dominated by the idols of materialism, Jesus' call demands heroic response. We are led to rediscover, in the gospel, the high cost of grace.

In the invitation to radical detachment, the issue is attachment to a person, Jesus. We become what we love. If we love money, we will become money. If we love Christ, we will become children of God.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom 9:13-18b/ Psalm 90/
Philemon 9-10, 12-17/ Luke 14:25-33
- Monday: St. Peter Claver, priest. Colossians 1:24 through 2:3/ Psalm 62/ Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15/ Psalm 145/ Luke 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11/ Psalm 145/ Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17/ Psalm 150/ Luke 6:27-38
- Friday: St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14/
Psalm 16/ Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/
Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17
- Next Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/ Psalm 51/
1 Timothy 1:12-17/ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Laura Carreau and Teri Knofler

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

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,802.25

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$398.80

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES: \$200.00 (to date: \$\$2,183.85 - More coming!) 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

Christianity has a radical challenge for us: embrace the Cross, and trust in God to help you with it. Only by taking up the Cross, which is our symbol for the frailty of the human condition, can we look with hope beyond it. Christ took up the Cross and rose to glory, shattering the bonds of death over all of creation His victory gives us hope not to fear the troubles of this world because these no longer have the final say over our lives.

