



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION begin this Sunday at 10:10 am in the "Little House". Please pray for our prospective first communicants. If you have questions regarding classes for the future, please call Traci Shields at 503-358-2584.

HELP IS NEEDED to bring communion to homebound parishioners and to occasionally drive them to Mass or assist them in other ways. Please call the parish office if you are available to help.



ANGEL TREE – Christmas is coming! We are in need of someone to learn the Angel Tree program and help with it. This involves one to two hours each week starting November 30 until delivery of gifts on December 20. If you are interested, please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196.

ARE YOU DIVORCED OR IN THE MIDST OF A DIVORCE? If so, you are invited to take part in a 12-week Catholic divorce care support group at Resurrection Catholic Parish. The group will begin meeting Sunday, October 12th at 2:30 pm in the Fireside Room in the parish office building. There is no cost and materials will be provided. For more information or to register, please call Lily Grace at 503-974-9876 or call the parish office at 503-638-1579.

WHO ARE THE PAULISTS?

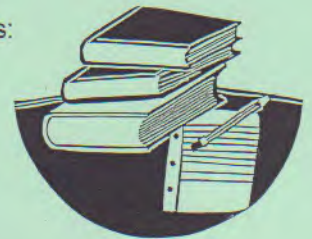
How are they "different" from the Franciscans, the Jesuits, or Diocesan priests? Fr. Charlie Brunick, CSP will present a 3-part series to explain why the Paulist Priests are unique in their mission and goals. Each session will be at St. Philip Neri Church, SE 16th and Division Street, from 10:45 to 11:45 am following the 9:30 am Mass.

September 28	Who is "Servant of God?" ----Isaac Hecker (Founder)
October 12	The Mission and Charisms (gifts) of the Paulist Fathers
October 26	The Paulist Associates----Collaborators in Mission

ANNUAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

The time for each Open House is 1:00 – 4:00 pm on the following Sundays:

October 5	Jesuit High School
October 12	Central Catholic High School
October 19	Valley Catholic High School
October 19	De La Salle North Catholic
October 26	St. Mary's Academy
November 2	La Salle Catholic College Prep



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,748.00
MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRIES TO DATE: \$2,337.30

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$170.00
Thank you for your generosity!!

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:	<u>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Ezekiel 18:25-28/ Psalm 125/ Philippians 2:1-11/ Matthew 21:28-32
Monday:	<u>Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels.</u> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/ Psalm 138/ John 1:47-51
Tuesday:	<u>Saint Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church.</u> Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/ Psalm 88/ Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday:	<u>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church.</u> Job 9:1-12, 14-16/ Psalm 88/ Luke 9:57-62
Thursday:	<u>The Holy Guardian Angels.</u> Job 19:21-27/ Psalm 27/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Psalm 139/ Luke 10:13-16
Saturday:	<u>Saint Francis of Assisi, religious.</u> Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Psalm 119/ Luke 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Isaiah 5:1-7/ Psalm 80/ Philippians 4:6-9/ Matthew 21:33-43

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Coleen and Jim Connelly

11:00 AM: Vicki Grorud and Mary Gabelsberger

Please come early. 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

Those of whom God demands the most perfect hope must look closely at their sins. This is to say that they must let God shine His lamp suddenly upon the darkest corners of their souls - not that they themselves must search out what they do not understand. Too much searching conceals the thing we really ought to find. Nor is it certain that we have any urgent obligation to find sin in ourselves. How much sin is kept hidden from us by God Himself, in His mercy? After which He hides it from Himself!

(Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*,
Doubleday, 1966, p. 23)