



Is there salvation before coffee?

July 10, 2011

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Recently we received a report from the Archdiocese that St. Elizabeth Parish is at 96.8% of our goal of \$247,402.00. This equates to our needing to raise only \$7,877.00 to meet our goal. We thank all who have so generously participated in this campaign. If you were not in a position to pledge earlier, but are able to do so now, your help would be appreciated.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, **Rafael Isiah Morales**, who will be baptized this Saturday, July 9. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, **Conrado and Catherine Morales**.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up again this weekend as many parishioners were out of town for the holiday weekend.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, August 21, 2011

We will have a Death Penalty Repeal panel discussion between masses from 10:00 am sharp to 10:45 am in the Fireside Room here at St. Elizabeth's. The panel will include our State Senator Ginny Burdick, David McNeil, an attorney interested in repeal, and Ron Steiner, chair for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

BOOK REVIEW- *Letters from a Distant Shore*

You are invited to read a very special true story of faith and family and the miraculous power of prayer from Catholic author **Marie Lawson Fiala**. Marie will be visiting St. Elizabeth's in early Fall 2011 for a parish discussion Date TBA.

Tragedy shattered Marie Lawson Fiala's life as a wife, mother, and lawyer when her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, was felled by a massive hemorrhage from a ruptured artery deep in his brain. Within an hour, Jeremy was in a coma, sustained only by machines. This memoir of a mother's ferocious care and fierce determination to bring her child home alive and functioning despite devastating loss will win the hearts of families who have ever suffered from physical trauma with loved ones. ***Letters from a Distant Shore*** is available for purchase on amazon.com.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND - Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of July 15-17 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by July 11 is recommended.)

The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for two nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available.

Please call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971 for more information, or email margi8280@comcast.net. Additional information may be found on the website of International Beginning Experience at www.beginningexperience.org.

MONASTIC VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT. Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-45, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, July 22-24th, 2011. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3242 or Odo.Recker@mtangel.edu. More information at www.mountangelabbey.org.

Is Church liturgy then simply communal thanksgiving and homage? Yes, it is, but in such a way that reality is intensified and the accomplishment of man's mode of existence in the sign of Christ's resurrection is enhanced in it. The liturgy, after all, is carried out in the Church which believes that God's promise is fulfilled in Christ. In the liturgy of the Church, this promise is therefore accomplished in us, in me, because I enact, together with the Church, the faith of the Church and thus come, in faith, into contact with Jesus Christ, on whom the Church places her hope. It is in the Church's liturgy that God's grace in Christ is made publicly apparent -- the promise is made true now in me, in the celebrating community. It is in this witness of faith that the public confession of the Christian conviction is made manifest -- the *sacramentum fidei*, in other words, God's saving act in our sacramental, liturgical, visible activity of faith. God's grace thus manifests itself in our terrestrial history in a way that is most strikingly transparent to faith in the Church's liturgy, as an integrating part of the whole to which our "secular worship" also belongs, that other worship in which the same grace manifests itself in a different way and thus makes itself felt in a different way.

(Edward Schillebeeckx, *God the Future of Man*, Andrew & McMeel, 1968, p. 110).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 65/
Romans 8:18-23/ Matthew 13:1-23
Monday: Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot. Exodus 1:8-14, 22/ Psalm 124/
Matthew 10:34 --11:1
Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a/ Psalm 69/Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin. Exodus 3:13-20/ Psalm 105/
Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.
Exodus 11:10 -- 12:14/ Psalm 116/ Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42/ Psalm 136/ Matthew 12:14-21
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom. 12:13, 16-19/ Psalm 86/
Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,362.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$296.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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., Administrator

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

Family Faith Sharing Questions

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Matthew 13:1-23

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a parable about a sower and good soil. (A sower is a person who plants things.) Jesus says that only the seed sown in good, rich, fertile soil will grow and produce fruit. In this parable, God is the sower and Jesus is comparing us to the soil – like the hard soil of the path, our eyes, ears and hearts can be closed to Jesus' teaching and the seeds of faith cannot grow there.

Do you think you are "fertile soil" for the Word of God to grow in? Why or why not? In what ways do you see and hear and feel God's presence in your life? What are some of the "fruit" that God's Word has produced in you?