



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 29, 2013**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

### **IT WAS A GREAT PICNIC!**

Thanks to Sharon Galuzzo and all the crew who set up, served, brought food and cleaned up. A special thanks also to our great "Oompa" band.



**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION** – Classes will begin Sunday, October 6 in the "Little House" after the 9:00 AM Mass. For further information, please 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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or [www.Retrouvailleoregon.org](http://www.Retrouvailleoregon.org).

**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](mailto:jobs@marthamaryministries.org).

Parables demand careful reading. There is little detailed description about the characters in today's gospel. It is never said that the rich man is wicked. We are never told that Lazarus badgers him for help which he actively refuses. Between them, however, lies an abyss that cannot be bridged. It is the abyss of unawareness and self-sufficiency. The anesthetized conscience of the rich man is no longer touched by the reproach of poverty.

Thus we can understand Jesus' warnings: "How hard it will be for the rich to go into the kingdom of God. Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven" (Luke 18:25). Sometimes we read on the door of elegant buildings: "No soliciting." What if that prohibition were to be found reversed at the threshold of the kingdom, "The rich need not apply." That is the picture Luke seems to paint.

Is there no redemption then for the rich? At the door of the kingdom there are no rich and poor. Both are saved by the word of God. That word reveals to men and women their radical interdependence. The self-sufficiency of the rich can bind them to the Lazarus at their gates. The affluence of our society can close our ears to the cries of the third world. In neglecting their needs, we exclude ourselves from the table of the kingdom.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos 6:1a, 4-7/ Psalm 146/  
1 Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31
- Monday: St. Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church. Zechariah 8:1-8/ Psalm 102/  
Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor. Zechariah 8:20-23/ Psalm 87/  
Luke 9:51-56
- Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels. Nehemiah 2:1-8/ Psalm 137/ Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Psalm 19/ Luke 10:1-12
- Friday: St. Francis of Assisi. Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalm 79/ Luke 10:13-16
- Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Psalm 69/ Luke 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ Psalm 95/  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/ Luke 17:5-10

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Eileen and Perry Broughton    11:00 AM: Jean and Tom Koch and Hannah  
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.  
Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,075.50    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.

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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*

*This Gospel passage can make us wonder how the rich man missed a sick and suffering beggar at his door, hungry for his table scraps. This lack of awareness challenges us to open our eyes to the Lazarus at our door. The rich man had more than enough food to share with Lazarus - what surpluses do we have in life? Who might be grateful even for a scrap of these?*