



"But the children are no better than their ancestors."

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 5, 2014**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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.

POPE FRANCIS CHALLENGE – An anonymous donor gave \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East to build a home in honor of Pope Francis. His challenge to Portland: raise the additional funds needed to complete the home, and mobilize students from Catholic schools to volunteer and help build it! Pope Francis' commitment to social justice has reinvigorated the Catholic Church. This challenge from the anonymous donor is a special opportunity for both the Catholic and non-Catholic communities to build a home for a local family in need, while honoring Pope Francis' belief that "Work Confers Dignity." Be a part of honoring Pope Francis, while making an impact in Portland by rising to this challenge. To make a donation to the Pope Francis Challenge contact Erika Kennel at 503-287-9529 X16 or Erika@habitatportlandmetro.org. For more information contact Amanda Adams at 503-287-9529 X28 or aadams@habitatportlandmetro.org.

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.

October 12
October 26

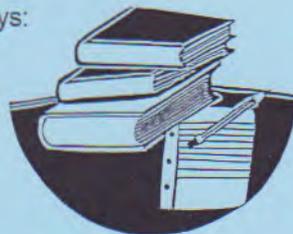
The Mission and Charisms (gifts) of the Paulist Fathers
The Paulist Associates---Collaborators in Mission

RED DOORS RETREAT AT ST. ANDRE BESSETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH – Pope Francis said, "Let us act so that our brothers and sisters never feel alone." Spend a day with people living in poverty or on the margins of society in Old Town Portland. Experience the Gospel call to serve those in need. Serve guests of St. Andre Bessette's Hospitality Center and visit other service providers in the neighborhood. Spend time in discussion, prayer and reflection. Next retreat is October 22nd. Hours of retreat are 8:15 am to 4:00 pm. For more information or to register, call 503-228-0746x110, email reddoorsretreat@saintandrechurch.org or go to the website: www.saintandrechurch.org

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



The parable of the murderous tenants describes a radical crisis in the life of the Messiah and in the history of salvation. Having spoken tirelessly to those responsible for the vineyard of Israel, God finally appeals to them through his Son. With unequalled authority, Jesus announces the approach of the harvest of the last times. Earth must yield its fruit. The people of God must welcome their Messiah!

But the children are no better than their ancestors. Just as the latter rejected the just ones and the prophets, so also the scribes and Pharisees prepare to murder the heir to God's beloved vineyard. The people of the promise run the risk of rejecting their election, of breaking the covenant through which God's plan was to be realized. Jesus uses this parable as a clear proclamation of his death. He came into the world and his own people did not receive him. They finally rejected the Son and heir and even crucified him outside the city. The parable ends with a prophetic threat: the Church of the risen One will soon take up the mission once laid upon Israel. Matthew expresses the conviction that this new people will bring the vineyard to fruit.

Yet these new tenants must not in their turn disappoint the Lord who never ceases to demand the fruit of his vineyard. We cannot remind ourselves enough that the Church is built on the stone that was rejected. Called together by this outcast, we must open ourselves to the banished of his world and make choices which may be punished by death outside the walls. If not, then "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will yield a rich harvest."

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> . Isaiah 5:1-7/ Psalm 80/ Philippians 4:6-9/ Matthew 21:33-43
Monday:	<u>Saint Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin</u> . Galatians 1:6-12/ Psalm 111/ Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Galatians 1:13-24/ Psalm 139/ Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/ Psalm 117/ Luke 11:1-4
Thursday:	<u>Saint Denis, bishop, martyr, and his companions, martyrs</u> . Galatians 3:1-5/ (Psalm) Luke 1:69-75/ Luke 11:5-13
Friday:	Galatians 3:7-14/ Psalm 111/ Luke 11:15-26
Saturday:	Galatians 3:22-29/ Psalm 105/ Luke 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> . Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/ Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,737.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$204.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Linda and Lou Cole

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Patrick and Teresa Niedermeyer

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

Reflection

Jesus describes the mysterious absence, the seeming distance of God, in terms of a landowner who goes away on a long journey, leaving his vineyard in the care of others. The servants fail the test: they forget that they are stewards, not owners. The parable is about how the chosen people, "the builders," treated the prophets and how they would treat Jesus himself. But parables are never only past; they are also present. How do we treat the prophets and truth tellers of our day? How do we care for the earth, which God has put into our care? Do we welcome truth even when it sounds harsh to our ears? Do we act like owners or like stewards whose master is on the way?