



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH



WE'RE IN THOSE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER:

THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT! *(Ever wonder about the origins of this odd phrase? The expression "dog days" refers to the hot, sultry days of summer, originally in areas around the Mediterranean Sea and to other areas, especially in the Northern Hemisphere. The coincidence of very warm temperatures in the early civilizations in North Africa and the Near East with the rising, at sunrise (i.e., the heliacal rising), of Orion's dog, the dog star Sirius, led to the association of this phrase with these conditions. This association traces to the Egyptians and appears in the ancient written poetic and other records of the Greeks [e.g., Hesiod, Aratus, and Homer in The Iliad] and the later Romans. The expression is used in prose literature, poetry, and song and album titles.)*

St. Elizabeth's 17TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
is only TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Skamania Golf Course in Stevenson, WA.

Registration deadline is TOMORROW -- August 15th.

Registration forms are available in the back of the church.

Call Shawn Duffy at 503-753-9323 with any questions.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will take place on September 17th on the lawn of the little house next door immediately following the 4p.m. Mass. Sign-up sheets will be out as the date approaches. Tim McCarthy's band, "Seymour" will add to the fun again this year. Plan on joining us!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 21st:

9:00 AM: Pamela & Arly Dunham 11:00 AM: Ed & Karen McGlone

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

Collection for Last Sunday: \$4738

Simple Supper: \$413

Thank You!

When Luke wrote today's Gospel reading, Christians were living through difficult times and tragic circumstances. Internal ruptures and external persecutions fostered confusion and conflict. Family members opposed each other, betrayed each other, and turned each other into the courts. This was all done in the name of the One who ultimately establishes peace on earth.

One of the paradoxes of Christianity is that it brings forth both war and peace. Jesus who said, "I give you my peace," provokes torment and disturbance, for it is a fire he came to bring, not holy water. Charity will not always flourish in a saccharine climate where all conflicts are covered over. Adult life cannot develop without self-assertion. That does not exclude respect for persons, with their limitations and need for privacy. Jesus does not allow us to evade the general law of human relationships.

True charity does not fear to face all the forms of darkness which oppress human society. The church must sometimes be a catalyst for conflict in the world. In our day we are looking with a more critical eye at the compromises we have made with the established order. We are rediscovering the bitter taste of a gospel which calls all humanity to radical change.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/ Psalm 40/
Hebrews 12:1-4/ Luke 12:49-53.
- Monday: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Psalm 45/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27/
Luke 1:39-56.
- Tuesday: *St. Stephen of Hungary.* Ezekiel 28:1-10/ [Psalm] Deuteronomy 32:26-
28, 30, 35cd-36b/ Matthew 19:23-30.
- Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 20:1-16..
- Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 22:1-14.
- Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14/ Psalm 107/ Matthew 22:34-40.
- Saturday: *St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church.* Ezekiel 43:1-7b/ Psalm 85/
Matthew 23:1-12.
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah 66:18-21/ Psalm 117/
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/ Luke 13:22-30.

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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.

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. James Martin Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Reflection

Jesus' words are challenging: "I have come to set the earth on fire," "how great is my anguish," "I have come to establish division." Isn't he the Prince of Peace and resurrected God of Mercy? We often need to hit rock bottom before we are willing to surrender and let God raise us up. Jesus' ways challenge us and the world's wisdom. Our closest family and friends can find them too difficult. Do not lose hope. Remember Paul's words to the Hebrews: "Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."