



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 4, 2007

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE!

6th ANNUAL ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS/ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Mark your calendars for the First Sunday of Advent, December 2 at 3:00 PM

The Advent of our God, a service of carols, psalms and readings for the season of Advent, by James Hansen, will be performed followed by a potluck supper and the appearance of St. Nicholas Himself.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, **Ashley Marie Hendrickson**, who will be baptized this Saturday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **James** and **Anita Hendrickson**.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS is held on Sundays from 10:05 until 10:55 AM. If you have not had an opportunity to enroll your child, you may still do so. First Communion is scheduled for May 4, 2008.

READERS, your 2008 workbooks are available in the Fireside Room. Please pick up your copy and sign for it on the nearby sheet.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Advent, St. Nicholas and Christmas is held Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. If you would like to participate, you may still sign up on the sheet in the back of the Church.

LENT - 2008 - This year, in the spirit of reconciliation and renewal, we will once again participate in small faith sharing groups during Lent. A group is a gathering of approximately 10 parishioners who meet weekly to share their faith and reflect on the coming Sunday's scripture readings. We will be asking for volunteers to be group leaders and also for hosts for each group. We hope to have a couple of groups which will meet during the day for those who find it inconvenient to go out in the evening. This is a great opportunity for scripture reflection and faith sharing.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING - Jim and Joanne Rogers will return to St. Elizabeth Church the weekend of November 10th and 11th to speak after all Masses. They are volunteers with **Christian Foundation for Children and Aging**, the Catholic child sponsorship program. This will offer each of us an easy way to help a needy child or senior in a developing country while supporting the work of Catholic missionaries.

ANNUAL TOBIN LECTURE - "You Were Once Strangers; A Catholic Response to Immigration"
Presenter: SiOVhan Sheridan, Immigration Attorney and former Director of Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities. Saturday, November 10, 2007, 10:00 am---12:00 pm (refreshments at 9:30 am), All Saints Catholic Parish, 3847 NE Glisan Street, Portland. 503-233-8361.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM **Tom and Ann Barwick**

9:00 AM: **Dave and Marge Hartmann**

11:00 AM: **Ginny and Bob Caudill**

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

Now what does sitting at table with others mean? Is it only an act and expression of a human attitude which is not denied even to the outlaw, leaving convention and prejudice far behind? Jesus' parables show that the fellowship of the table is, as it has been from ancient times, a symbol of the closest fellowship with God, and a picture of that joyful age brought by the Messiah (Mt. viii, 11: Mk., ii, 15 ff, Lk xiv. 16ff.; Mt. xxii. 1 ff.). So there can be no doubt that Jesus' earthly fellowship with tax collectors and sinners has also a strong connection with his preaching of the coming of the kingdom of God. We must not be too quick to seek too close a relationship between this connection and a Messianic doctrine which the texts do not express and which, where such expressions do appear, point clearly to the belief of the later Church. And yet the gospel tradition has given apt expression to the unity of words in Jesus' preaching and attitude, by choosing significantly and not fortuitously the scene of a feast for many of the sayings of the lord. That is the case not only for the parable of the great supper (Lk. xiv), but especially in the three parables of the lost—the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son (Lk.xv). Of course there is no historical importance in their setting. And yet the frame is not unimportant, a true and unmistakable indication that what the parables say actually happens in Jesus' fellowship with other people. If it were otherwise, we could find the meaning of the parables as has so often been done, in the timeless idea of a loving, forgiving Father in heaven. In fact, however, the parables tell of this love becoming a reality in Jesus' deeds and words. In the story of the healing of the paralytic Jesus says to the sick man: "My son, your sins are forgiven" (Mk ii. 5). Why are his opponents enraged at this? Not because he expresses the idea of the love of God and the hope of his mercy, but because he is doing what is God's prerogative. "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mk.ii.7). This infuriates his opponents, even as it makes harlots and tax collectors participants in his joy. "Today salvation has come to this house!" can also be cited from the story of Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus the tax collector (Lk. xix. 9).

(Gunther Bornkamm, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Harper & Row, 1960, pp. 80-81)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Wisdom 11:22--12: 2/Psalm 145/2 Thessalonians 1:11--2: 2/Luke 19: 1-10

Monday: Romans 11:29-36/ Psalm 69/ Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16AB/ Psalm 131/ Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10/ Psalm 112/ Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12/ Psalm 27/ Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/
Psalm 46/ 1 Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17/ John 2:13-22

Saturday: Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church Romans 16:3-9, 22-27/
Psalm 145/ Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14/ Psalm 17/ 2 Thessalonians 2:16--3:5/
Luke 20:27, 34-38-38

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,384.46 **WORLD MISSIONS:** \$106.00 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

Luke 19:1-10

This story of redemption in Luke allows the reader to see themselves in a situation that we all find ourselves in sometimes: wanting to be a part of the group, wanting to fit in but not feeling adequate to do so. Here Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus. He knows that Jesus has helped others find a new life and wants to have Jesus not only fix his problem but to be an active part of finding redemption in his own life.

Are we willing to look like a fool to find redemption in our lives? Are we willing to risk our reputation, to admit our guilt, and find a new way to repair the damage we have done to others?