



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

St. Andrew Bible Missal

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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 over reacting their election, of breaking the covenant through which God's plan was to be realized. Jesus uses the 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 rise 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 no 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 this 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 a people that will yield a rich harvest."

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Abigail Susanne Biller, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Tom and Kendra Biller.



FALL MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF - October 7 and 21, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome. Come to learn new music and help organize the music ministry for the next liturgical year. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is not a United Way agency, but please consider supporting Catholic Charities through the United Way Campaign at your place of employment this fall by designating Catholic Charities as your donor choice selection. Also, federal government employees can contribute to Catholic Charities through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC code for Catholic Charities is 15119. Your contributions help Catholic Charities assist thousands of poor and vulnerable people in our communities each year.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - If you are interested in enrolling your children in the upcoming classes for first communion and reconciliation, please sign up in the back of the church or call the parish office this week.

RCIA classes will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Little House.

**FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS FALL, I RECOMMEND
TOM GORNICK'S PROGRAM**

Fr. Jim

VATICAN II - A Seven Week In-Depth Course

You are invited to join others who want to:

Deepen their faith

Be able to explain their faith

Ground their spirituality by study of our Catholic tradition

Location: **St. Anthony Catholic Church**, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard

Instructor: **Deacon Tom Gornick**

Dates: **Thursdays: October 2, 2008 - November 13, 2008, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Cost: \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit, plus required books. Bring your bible.

Sponsored by St. Anthony Parish in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office.
See bulletin board for details and registration forms.

RETRouvaille - A Catholic Ministry to Troubled Marriages

The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 17-19 at Mt. Angel Retreat House, Mt. Angel, Oregon. For information, call 503-285-2342 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org. Couples of all faiths are welcome and no one is turned away due to financial difficulties.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 5:1-7/ Psalm 80/ Philippians 4:6-9/ Matthew 21:33-43

Monday: 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: Galatians 3:1-5/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

Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/ Matthew 22:14



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Maureen and Don Binzer

11:00 am: Pat and Corky Fleck

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$2,574.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$80.00 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus helps us to understand that God is the landowner in today's Gospel reading from the book of Matthew. In this parable we learn about a landowner who wants renters who will care for his crops and produce a rich harvest of fine fruit. (In the parable, God is the landowner and we are the tenants or renters.) It means that God wants us to care for the world and everything in it.

Discuss one special talent of each family member.

How can you use those talents this week to help others produce good fruit?

