



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 10, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

When a strong wind halts the passage of their boat, the disciples believe they see a ghost approaching them. They do not think it is Jesus whom they left in prayer on the mountain. But he is following them, moving like a shadow across the water in order to save them from the danger they face. Through the turbulence of the waves his voice reaches them. Peter, at first hesitant to recognize him, finally throws himself into the water at the call of his Master. Suddenly he is caught in the squall and is about to go under. Jesus reproaches him: "How little faith you have, why did you falter?" At the voice of him who sustains his enthusiasm, Peter comes up from the baptism of fear and death into which he had sunk. The waves subside, the wind abates, and those in the boat give their hearts over to faith.

On the hostile sea of this world, the ship of the Church breaks through the waves, rising above the assaults of evil. The master is not visibly present. His return is awaited at the end of the night. The Church must steer its course toward the harbor of salvation by the light of the powerful word of the risen Lord.

Soon after the resurrection, the faith of the disciples foundered. They experienced doubt and fear in the face of him whom they perceived as a spirit (Luke 24:37). In the person of a weak but enthusiastic Peter, the faith of the disciples finds its expression. This is our faith. If we turn resolutely toward Christ in obedience to his call, our faith can never be overcome by fear and doubt.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS AUGUST 15.

Mass will be celebrated on August 14, the Eve of the Assumption, at 7:00 p.m. and on August 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the church.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

THEOLOGY ON THE LAWN: This Tuesday night at 7:00.

CONFIRMATION If you are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office. We are planning classes for fall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - If you or someone you would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, please call the parish office.

ILLUMINATING THE WORD: THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

July 12-September 7, 2008 Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA

The only handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned since the advent of the printing press.

The Saint John's Bible is a contemporary work created in the tradition of handwritten medieval manuscripts. The artistic director of the project, Donald Jackson, calligrapher to Queen Elizabeth II, is one of the world's foremost calligraphers and has worked with scribes and artists to write and illuminate the ***The Saint John's Bible*** using quills and paints hand-ground from precious minerals and stones, as did scribes during medieval times.

Fr. Jim recommends this exhibit and has suggested a group tour, perhaps taking the train to Tacoma. If interested, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or call the parish office.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/ Psalm 85/ Romans 9:1-5/ Matthew 14:22-33

Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c/ Psalm 148/ Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday: Ezekiel 9: 1-7;10:18-22/ Psalm 113/ Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12/ Psalm 78/ Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*. Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/ Psalm 45/
1 Corinthians 15:20-27/ Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Isaiah 56: 1,6-7/ Psalm 67/ Romans 11:13-15,29-32/ Matthew 15:21-28

THE FIRST HOME RUN, the **Salazar-Corpora Challenge** with **Alberto Salazar** and **Fr. Joe Corpora, CSC** leading a 5K Fun/Run Walk to raise funds for **MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES**, creating a much needed **HOME** for those who are dying. Join them at University of Portland on September 13 at 8:00 am. You can run/walk/watch/pledge your support. All proceeds benefit Martha & Mary Ministries. Check website at marthamaryministries.org or call 503-284-6408 for information.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL. SPONSORED by CANTORES IN ECCLESIA

August 10-24, 2008 - Dr. Richard Marlow of Trinity College, Cambridge, England will return to Portland to conduct Cantores in Ecclesia in a festival of choral masterpieces by the greatest composer of the English Renaissance, William Byrd (1540-1623). The festival will feature five liturgical services, three concerts and five public lectures. See bulletin board for details or visit www.byrdfestival.org.

2008 ARCHBISHOP'S GOLF INVITATIONAL - The 2008 Archbishop's Golf Invitational is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008, at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon. Golfers from around the Archdiocese are invited to put together one or more foursomes to represent their parish and/or Catholic school. A \$600 entry fee entitles four golfers to tee prizes, lunch, practice balls, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and the awards dinner. Prizes are plentiful in this scramble format event, which raised much-needed funds for our archdiocesan Seminarians.

For more information visit www.archdpdx.org, or call Doug Tollefson at the Archdiocese of Portland at 503-233-8336, or email him at dtollefson@archdpdx.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 Peggy Wood

9:00 am: Barbara and Tim Taylor

11:00 am: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,852.35 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$373.00 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

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Matthew 14:22-33

In today's gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus grants Peter's request to come to Him over the water. Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on the top of the waves. When he realizes that walking on water is not "possible," Peter becomes frightened. At that moment, he realizes the danger of his situation and begins to sink. Peter calls out to Jesus to save him. Jesus does this, but then scolds Peter for his lack of faith.

While you probably have not had the opportunity to walk on water, can you remember a time when you were unable to do something because you depended only on yourself and didn't really believe that you could do it?

In what areas of your life do you need more trust in God's care for you? What are some things you can do that will help you have more trust in God's love and care for you?