

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 17, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

Christian brotherhood is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our fellowship is in Jesus Christ alone, the more serenely shall we think of our fellowship and pray and hope for it.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, Harper and Row, 1954, p. 30)

**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, **Greta Louise Timm**, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Holly and Leslee Timm**.

**THEOLOGY ON THE LAWN:** This Tuesday night, August 19, at 7:00 PM.

**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 know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, please call the parish office.

**ILLUMINATING THE WORD: THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

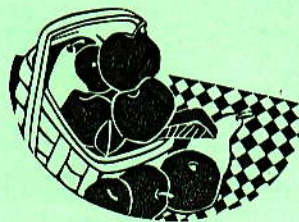
**July 12-September 7, 2008 Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA**

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.

**Mark your calendars for the Parish Potluck Picnic!**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM**  
**Salads, main dishes, or desserts requested.**  
**Beverages provided.**



**Sign-up Sheets for Set-up/ Serving and Clean-up in the back of the Church**

## LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Ezekiel 24: 15-24/ Psalm Dt. 32/Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28: 11-10/ Psalm Dt. 32/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: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab/ Psalm 85/ Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 22: 19-23/ Psalm 138/Romans 11:33-36/ Matthew 16:13-20



Jesus withdraws to the Gentile districts of Tyre and Sidon to get away from the adversaries who taunt him for breaking the Jewish rituals of purification. Here he will redefine the limits of clean and unclean. Through the supplication of a Canaanite woman, he will deal with the question of salvation for the Gentiles.

Strangely enough, Jesus remains silent as if he shared the arrogant particularism of the Jews toward these "dogs of the Gentiles." He seems to hesitate and when he decide to answer the woman, he does so in shocking terms. He wishes to do the will of God who desires that the lost sheep of Israel be gathered together. Only then, from the base of this renewed people will he welcome the Gentiles, in accordance with their belief into the great family of Abraham. What is this woman's problem? She does not believe that she has any right to demand the bread of divine friendship reserved primarily for the Jews. All she can ask for are crumbs. But she asks with such faith and humility that she will receive the fullness of salvation for which she hopes. In the welcome Jesus gives this foreigner, the Christians of the first century saw a prophetic model for their own attitude toward the Gentile believers. They had to go beyond the limits of an elitist religion, one based on race alone, in order to preach a universal salvation grounded in faith.

Can we transcend the frontiers of our prejudices? Many whom we consider alien in fact teach us the meaning of faith.

**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](http://marthamaryministries.org) or call 503-284-6408 for information.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 am: Jack and Ronnie Smith

11:00 am: Dave and Marge Hartmann

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

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$2,781.00 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.

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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.

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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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Matthew in which we hear about an encounter that Jesus had with a Canaanite woman. Because Canaanites had different religious beliefs, Jews thought of them as outcasts and pagans and usually didn't have anything to do with them. This woman must have made a pest of herself, because the disciples ask Jesus to tell her to leave and stop pestering them -- but she doesn't go away. In her conversation with Jesus, she is very clever when she responds to Jesus' use of the metaphor of throwing children's food to the dogs. Jews of that time did not treat dogs as well as we do in our country today. The woman's quick-witted reply shows us that dogs might have been found around a home, where they would have been able to snap up the scraps from under the table. The Canaanite woman is telling Jesus that even outcasts and pagans should be able to hear and respond to God's word! Jesus rewards her for her great faith in him and is his power to heal -- and he grants her request and heals her daughter.

*How persistent are you in prayer? What can you learn from the story of the Canaanite woman?*