



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

WELCOME: Next weekend, August 30/31 we welcome Jesuit High School graduate and newly ordained (June 21, 2008) Father Paul Grubb, SJ back to St. Elizabeth's as celebrant and homilist at all of the Masses.

Fr. Grubb has traveled and volunteered from El Salvador to Juneau, Alaska and returns to Portland where his first assignment is to the faculty at Jesuit High School. His parents, Rich and Mary Louise, are St. Elizabeth parishioners.

THEOLOGY ON THE LAWN: This Tuesday night, August 26, 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 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.

At the time of the death of Bob Orth, a long time St. Elizabeth parishioner, several people were unable to contact his wife, Dorothy. The correct address is: 23525 SW Voss Place, Sherwood, OR 97140

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



A successful, "fun-for-everyone" picnic takes many helping hands
Sign up Sheets for Set-up/ Serving and Clean-up in the back of the Church

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today Sunday: Isaiah 22: 19-23/ Psalm 138/Romans 11:33-36/ Matthew 16:13-20
Monday: 2Thessalonians 1: 1-5,11-12/Psalm 96/Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17/Psalm 96/Matthew 22:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10,16-18/Psalm 128/Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: 1Corinthians 1:1-9/Psalm 145/Matthew 24:42-51
Friday: Corinthians 1:17-25/Psalm 33/Mark 6:17-29
Saturday: 1Corinthians 1:26-31/Psalm 33/Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9/Psalm 63/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" "You are 'Rock' and on this rock I will build my Church." These are two affirmations which concern the faith of every believer. There is much more here than an exchange of compliments between Jesus the Son of Man and Simon the son of John.

Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about the identity of the "Son of Man". Consonant with the popular expectation that the prophet Elijah would return to usher in the messianic Day of the Lord the crowds think perhaps he is Elijah or one of the other prophets, among whom they include John the Baptist. For surely Jesus is a great prophet. He questions his followers again about their own interpretation of him. He is a prophet and more than a prophet. He does indeed usher in the messianic era because, the Church hears Peter say, he is himself the Messiah---and more than Messiah. He is "Son of the Living God".

It is not strange that we should hear from the lips of Peter this faith expression of the newly born Church at the beginning of its history. It is upon Peter's profession of faith that Jesus builds his Church. Through Peter, the man of first fervors, but also the disciple who would deny him, Jesus makes himself known. He charges Peter with the building up of his brothers and sisters until the coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark on the Church just as John, the mystic, or Paul, the missionary, did so in their own ways. The Church is above all the home of us poor believers, caught between faith and doubt, generosity and infidelity, but nevertheless stuttering with Peter, "I believe."

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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Coleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 am: Frankie and Daryl Anderson
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3108.25 **ASSUMPTION:** 123.10 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 16:13-20

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Matthew shows us two things: how God uses people to accomplish His will and how the true nature of Jesus, who is both human and divine, is recognized by Peter. When Peter calls Jesus the "Son of the living God," it shows us that he was "open" to receive inspiration from God. for Peter could not have known this on his own--it reveals knowledge of Jesus that is far beyond human reasoning or experience. Perhaps what is more important is that this reading shows how Jesus commissions--or establishes--Peter as the foundation upon which the new community of believers will be built. Jesus needs people to be His presence in the world in order to do the great work of bringing all people to God.

Think of and talk about a time when you were "Christ" for someone else---that is, a time when what you said or did is what you think Jesus would have said or done. What do you need to change (or "work on") in yourself in order to "bring Jesus' presence" to your family, friends and the people you meet?