



**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 3, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 55:1-3/Psalm 145/Romans 8:35,37-39/Matthew 14:13-21

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17/Psalm 119/ Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/ Psalm 102/ Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Psalm 97/ 2 Peter 1:16-19/ Matthew 17:1-9

Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3, 6-7/ Deuteronomy 32:35c-36b/ Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Habakkuk 1:12---2:4/ Psalm 9/ Matthew 17:14-20

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

## **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 more than 500 years ago.

*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 you are interested, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or call the parish office.

**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. Last year all team spots were sold out well in advance of the tournament, so to avoid disappointment and secure your spot, apply early for 2008.

For more information visit [www.archdpdx.org](http://www.archdpdx.org), or call Doug Tollefson at the Archdiocese of Portland at 503-233-8336, or email him at [dtollefson@archdpdx.org](mailto:dtollefson@archdpdx.org).

## **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 Eileen Lynch

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:** \$2,623.22 Thank you.



Now, Lord, through the consecration of the world the luminosity and fragrance which suffuse the universe take on for me the lineaments of a body and a face -- in you. What my mind glimpsed through its hesitant explorations, what my heart craved with so little expectation of fulfillment, you now magnificently unfold for me: the fact that your creatures are not merely so linked together in solidarity that none can exist unless all the rest surround it, but that all are so dependent on a single central reality that a true life, borne in common by them all, gives them ultimately their consistence and their unity.

Shatter, my God, through the daring of your revelation the childishly timid outlook that can conceive of nothing greater or more vital in the world than the pitiable perfection of our human organism. On the road to a bolder comprehension of the universe the children of this world day by day outdistance the masters of Israel; but do you, Lord Jesus, "in whom all things subsist," show yourself to those who love you as the higher Soul and the physical center of your creation. Are you not well aware that for us this is a question of life or death? As for me, if I could not believe that your real Presence animates and makes tractable and enkindles even the very least of the energies which invade me or brush past me, would I not die of cold?

I thank you, my God, for having in a thousand different ways led my eyes to discover the immense simplicity of things. Little by little, through the irresistible development of those yearnings you implanted in me as a child, through the influence of gifted friends who entered my life at certain moments to bring light and strength to my mind, and through the awakenings of spirit I owe to the successive initiations, gentle and terrible, which you caused me to undergo: through all these I have been brought to the point where I can no longer see anything, nor any longer breathe, outside that milieu in which all is made one.

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *Hymn of the Universe*, Harper & Row, 1961, pp. 25-26)

**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, **Benjamin John Whitney**, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, **Chad and Christina Whitney**.

**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.

**HELPING OUR PARISH FAMILY** - If you are able to help a St. Elizabeth parishioner from time to time with a ride to a church or a doctor's office, to shop for someone homebound, to run an errand or just visit with someone who would like a little company, please call the parish office. Any help would be very much appreciated.





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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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In today's liturgy we are once again invited to the great feast of God's kingdom. Throughout the scriptures this image of the messianic banquet evokes a sense of the abundance and the conviviality which will characterize the fullness of life to be enjoyed by all God's people at the endtime. The prophet Isaiah silences potential protests of unworthiness. All that is required to sit down at this table is awareness of one's need. Everyone who is hungry and thirsty is admitted free. The evangelist points out the extravagance of the meal. There is ample food for everyone, with plenty to spare. The apostle Paul, in the concluding passage from Romans, suggests the true nature of the feast. We are nourished and sustained by the overwhelming and unshakeable love which God has heaped upon us in Christ Jesus.

Today we feast together at the Eucharistic table which is foretaste and pledge of the banquet to come. Despite the prophet's words, however, our meal has its price. We must bring to the table the "loaves and fish" of our everyday lives to be transformed and shared for the nourishment of all.

We who are Church must go from the table to carry the bread of the kingdom to all our sisters and brothers who hunger and thirst for life.