



**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 20, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

The temptation to restrict the Church to the perfect has always haunted the Christian community, animated as it is by a high ideal of holiness. To conquer evil has sometimes been interpreted as meaning to destroy sinners. many a 'holy war' has been fought in the name of Christian righteousness. Even James and John wanted to command fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his parables of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient followers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination of the weeds. The time for separation and for burning will come, but it is not now.

Today's readings call the servants of God's kingdom to share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord. Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster the growth of what is good in itself to overcome evil.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and best wishes to Alise Anderson and Jon Arneberg, who were married here on Friday, July 11. May you have a long and happy life together, and God keep you always.

**HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO WORTH AND BARBARA CALDWELL!** Congratulations and may God bless you with many more years of happiness.

**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.

**48th ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE**, August 3, 2008 from 12 pm until 6 pm at **Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center**, 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006-5009, to support the ministry and retreat center facilities of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows. For more information and menus, contact the Retreat Center at 503-649-7127 or e-mail [sisters@olpretreat.org](mailto:sisters@olpretreat.org). Admission is free, featuring food, entertainment, music, sweepstakes tickets, door prizes and children's games.



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

**"DAUGHTERS OF GOD!--- A Day of Reflection"** St. Philip Neri Parish (16th & SE Division) and OCP present the *Women as Witness Symposium* in honor of St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, July 26, 9-3:30 pm. Please join acclaimed Catholic musician Sarah Hart for a retreat/presentation designed especially for women of faith. Packed with prayer, stories, laughter, small-group interaction and music, this event gives women the opportunity to see what makes them unique and yet connected to one another, through reflection on the women in Scripture. Following the day, Sarah will perform a one evening concert at 7 pm in the main church, open to everyone in the community. The day retreat fee is \$30 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). To register contact Barbara Harrison (503-231-4955) or [barbara@stphilipneripdx.org](mailto:barbara@stphilipneripdx.org) by July 21.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Wisdom 12:13,16-19/Psalm 86/ Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43

Monday: Micah 6:1-4,6-8/Psalm 50/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 85/ John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10/ Psalm 71/ Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/ Psalm 36/ Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: James, Apostle 2 Corinthians 4:7-15/ Psalm 126/ Matthew 20: 20-28

Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11/ Psalm 84/ Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12/Psalm 119/ Romans 8:28-30/ Matthew 13:44-52

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Maureen and Don Binzer

11:00 am: Julie and Lee Steiner

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

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$4,398.25 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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**Matthew 13: 24-43**

Once again in today's Gospel from Matthew, we find Jesus using parables to teach about the Kingdom of Heaven. Through these parables, Jesus is trying to help his disciples (and that includes us!) more clearly understand what this Kingdom is, and how all of us might find a place in it. In the parable about the wheat and weeds, Jesus is the sower of the good seeds, the field is both the people and the world in which we live, the good seeds are people who try to live the way that Jesus taught (that is, the way God wants us to), and the "weeds" are those people who have turned away from God. The parable of the tiny mustard seed growing into "the largest of plants" and the one about the small amount of yeast that causes the whole batch of bread to rise, reminds us that there is a great deal of power in very small things!

*Where have you seen or experienced "mustard seed faith?" (That is, describe a time when something very small had a really significant impact). What are some of the small things that you do --- or can do --- to share God's love and help make the world a better place?*