



**NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 1, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



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The world is full of people with nice words. They dazzle others, substituting big words for actions. Yet action is often more convincing than verbiage. In a commanding tone, Jesus denounces religious orators whose rhetoric is not verified in authentic concern and effective action. Jesus advises all those who desire a true happiness to put their faith into practice. Otherwise they build on sand.

Jesus did not content himself with words. Matthew pairs Jesus' discourses with actions which confirm his preaching. The ultimate testimony which Jesus gives to God's love for the world is the free surrender of his life. This event reveals the truth to those who grasp the language of action. Those who find security only in rhetoric and abstractions shield themselves from the biting demand made by Jesus on the cross.

Let us put an end to the ineffective word! Let us take care of the wounded along the road. Let us open our arms to the prodigal. Let us welcome the stranger. These are the fruits of conversion ;by which we will be judged. We have done much talking in the Church since Vatican II. Now, God and the world are awaiting our action. We re-acquire the art of Christian living, a language of signs and behavior consistent with theory.

**Congratulations** to Tim Spence and Sarah Stock, who were married last weekend in St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa and witnessed by Fr. Jim. Tim and his family have been active parishioners at St. Elizabeth for many years. We wish Tim and Sarah God's blessing for a happy life together.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicholas Kaminski, Kate Cary, Janelle Myers, Lena Knofler, Stephanie McCuaig, Douglas Rice, and Jason Lee upon their graduations. We wish our new graduates the best as they continue in their life's endeavors. God's blessings to you all.



**ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN** are invited to take part in the annual *Quo Vadis Days* camp this June. This camp will help you to know Jesus more deeply and help you to discern His call in your life, while having much fun with more than 50 other Catholic young men. *Quo Vadis Days* is led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. Log onto [www.qvdays.org](http://www.qvdays.org) for further information or to register.

**BLESSING OF THE BIKES:** If you ride for pleasure, commute or race; if you ride an old or new bike; if you just started or have ridden a bike for years, you are invited to the Blessing of the Bikes. The blessing will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's) NW 18th and Couch, Sunday, June 8, 2008 from 2 to 2:30 PM. (Rain or shine). More information at 503-228-4397.



## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32/ Psalm 31/ Romans 3:21-25, 28/

Matthew 7:21-27

Monday: 2 Peter 1:2-7/ Psalm 91/ Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Psalm 90/ Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12/ Psalm 123/ Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15/ Psalm 25/ Mark 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Timothy 3:10-17/ Psalm 119/ Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8/ Psalm 71/ Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Hosea 6:3-6/ Romans 4:18-25/ Matthew 9:9-13

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 am: Dave and Marge Hartmann

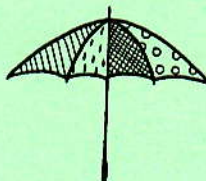
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$2,937.97 Thank you.

***Our glory and our hope: we are the Body of Christ. Christ loves and espouses us in His own flesh. Isn't that enough for us? But we do not really believe it. No! Be content, be content. We are the Body of Christ! We have found Him because He has sought us. God has come to take up His abode in us, in sinners. There is nothing further to look for except to turn to Him completely, where He is already present. Be quiet and see that He is God.***

(Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of A Guilty Bystander*, Doubleday, 1965, p. 23)

Thomas Merton is considered to be a great spiritual leader of modern times and yet one of his most popular reflections talks about being out of control and unsure of just about everything. Perhaps that is why it is so popular. In *Thoughts in Solitude*, the Trappist monk and author admits: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going . . . and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing." Merton knew that having the right answers and doing the right things aren't enough. It is faithfulness that means everything to our God, who has never failed to keep faith with us. With that faithfulness and trust, anything is possible -- even eternal life. To learn more about Thomas Merton, visit [www.merton.org](http://www.merton.org).





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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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### **Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Matthew 7:21-27**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that only people who obey the will of God will enter the kingdom of heaven. People must do more than just listen to the message of God -- it is not enough to simply know what the teachings of Jesus are. As disciples we are called to act on them, to live them out in our daily lives! In other words, we must "walk the talk!"

*Name two things that Jesus teaches us to do (have one of these be something that is hard for you to do).*

*Describe a time or situation when you did each of these things ... what you did, how it felt when you did it as well as afterwards.*