



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 15, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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Jesus is enlisting support. His heart is touched by the crowds he encounters: the tired, the abused, the sad and those abandoned by their shepherds. Alone, he will never be able to accomplish the task of ministry. He needs help. He enlists twelve apostles for the twelve tribes of Israel, for the whole world. The enormity of this work seems out of proportion to the resources at hand: a few fishermen, tax collector, a freedom fighter, a traitor-in-waiting, and a few about whom we know nothing. Their only source of unity was the person of Jesus.

To beg the harvest-master is the first necessity. The disciples are called to continue the Lord's work, not their own. Without prayer, it is impossible to give ourselves to the mission. We risk preaching ourselves rather than Christ, making the apostolate our own rather than the kingdom's, being engaged in the harvest for our own profit.

The apostles are commissioned to "go after the lost sheep of the house of Israel" because of the urgency of their distress. The universal mission will come later. Both in Israel and beyond, the fundamental command is to seek the lost. Compassion is at the heart of every pastoral strategy. It reaches the most inaccessible places where the flock has wandered. At that frontier, Jesus struggles side by side with his disciples to heal, to liberate and to forgive. To cast our lot with the most deprived is already to show them their beginning and their end: the one kingdom prepared by the tenderness of God who freely gives all.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May God bless our fathers always and may we honor our fathers with our love and a spirit of profound respect.

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, or call Doug Tollefson at the Archdiocese of Portland at 503-233-8336, or email him at dtollefson@archdpdx.org.

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREATS for men between the ages of 16-35 are sponsored by Mount Angel Abbey several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of June

27-29, 2008. If you are interested in attending a Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Joseph Nguyen, O.S.B., Vocation Director, via email: abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu or call (503)845-3226.

We could characterize Christian life precisely as a life of freedom. For freedom is ultimately an openness to everything, to everything without exception: openness to absolute truth, to absolute love, and to the absolute infinity of human life in its immediacy to the very reality which we call God. In Pauline theology, too, freedom is a word which should characterize Christian existence, for Paul declares that through Christ we are made free for freedom. Ultimately this freedom is not the absence of forces which determine our existence. We can strive for this kind of freedom to a certain extent; this is also possible and it is a real task in human life. But for us who were born without being asked, who will die without being asked, and who have received a quite definite realm of existence without being asked, a realm which ultimately cannot be exchanged, there is no immediate freedom in the sense of an absence of any and every force which co-determines our existence. But a Christian believes that there is a path to freedom which lies in going through this imprisonment. We do not seize it by force, but rather it is given to us by God insofar as he gives himself to us throughout all of the imprisonments of our existence.

(Karl Rahner, *Foundations of Christian Faith*, Crossroad, 1978, pp.402-403)

CARE FOR CREATION RETREAT AT NESTUCCA SANCTUARY, JUNE 20-22

Can St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint of ecology, offer us an example of an engaged spirituality in these troubled times? Join us at beautiful Nestucca Sanctuary (near Pacific City, OR) to further explore an engaged Catholic response to our environmental crises. Based on the newly released book, *Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth*, this retreat will help participants integrate environmental studies, theology, and reflective action to nurture a Franciscan spirituality of the Earth. Led by local co-author Pam Wood: www.sacredgroundhealing.com or 503-708-9751.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Exodus 19:2-6a/ Psalm 100/ Romans 5:6-11/ Matthew 9:36 through 10:8

Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16/ Psalm 5/ Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1,6-14/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14/ Psalm 97/ Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/ Psalm 132/ Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25/ Psalm 89/ Matthew 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13/ Psalm 69/ Romans 5:12-15/ Matthew 10:26-33

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Patty Frahler and Bob Bently 11:00 am: Peggy and Karl Smith

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,371.00 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.

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 9: 36 through 10:8

This passage from Matthew's Gospel tells us the names of the twelve Apostles and that Jesus sent them out to travel and talk to people, telling them about the Kingdom of God. They were also supposed to "cure the sick, cleanse (that is, heal) lepers and drive out demons."

Name some people in your parish who visit the sick, collect food and clothing for the poor, or take communion to shut-ins. Talk about the different ministries these people are involved in.

Do you know any doctors or nurses? Why do you think someone might want to be a doctor or a nurse? What do you do to help others?