



**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 22, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



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Christ does not promise his disciples an enticing style of life. He does assure them that persecution will be their lot. If the gospel is truly a force contesting evil in all its forms, then the Church cannot avoid the narrow gate of the paschal mystery, the cross which leads to glory. Identification with political power and financial power is an illusion.

Even in the midst of persecution, the disciples have security in Christ, "Do not fear!" The apostolate is God's work and carries within itself the assurance of success. Only sin is to be feared. The persecutors can truly kill the body, but our authentic life belongs to God who, like a father, watches over the smallest of his creatures.

Martyrdom was once looked upon as a liturgical act: the martyr mounted the funeral-pyre as if an altar. The interrogation and agony were the occasion to proclaim one's faith in Christ before offering the sacrifice. The propagation of the gospel was well served by the martyr. Contemporary martyrdom takes place in the underground of a cave or a camp from which no one returns. The technology of human torture violates both body and soul, permitting the propagandists of oppressive regimes to profit from "spontaneous confessions." The voices of these martyrs, inspired by a greater heroism, continue to be lifted up to heaven. On the last day, Christ himself will offer their witness to his Father.

### **NEXT WEEKEND, ON THE FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PAULIST FATHERS.**

In Oregon the Paulists staff St. Philip Neri Parish; and, while our St. Elizabeth Parish is not a Paulist Parish, have graciously provided us with our own Paulist priest, Fr. Jim. To honor of the Paulists tradition of evangelism, reconciliation and ecumenism, we will take a second collection for the support of their mission.



**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).

**CONFIRMATION** - If you are in High School and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office. We are planning classes for fall.



## LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/ Psalm 60/Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday: *Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.* Isaiah 49:1-6/ Psalm 139/  
Acts 13:22-26/ Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: 2 Kings 22:8-13 and 23:1-3/ Psalm 119/ Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kings 24:8-17/ Psalm 79/ Matthew 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kings 25:1-12/ Psalm 137/ Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19, Psalm 74/ Matthew 8:5-17

Next Sunday: *Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.* Acts 12:1-11/ Psalm 34/  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/ Matthew 16:13-19

**IMMACULATE HEART FOOD BANK** has expressed a need for the following items: pasta, tomato sauce (perhaps spaghetti sauce, too?), crackers, soap, and toilet tissue. As always they appreciate items such as canned fruits and veggies, tuna, peanut butter, etc.

**GRIEF RECOVERY RETREAT - Beginning Experience** is announcing the next grief recovery weekend retreat for the **widowed, permanently separated, and divorced**. The weekend consists of 1) presentations by team members, 2) periods for private personal reflection and 3) small group dialogues. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon.

Location: The Griffin Center, Milwaukie, Oregon

Date: July 18-20, 2008

Cost: \$195 (partial scholarships available)

Includes: Resource materials, meals and two nights lodging.

Registration: 503-393-2361 (Registration by July 14 is advised.)

Write: Beginning Experience, P.O. Box 13422, Salem, OR 97309

**A BENEFIT CONCERT TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING** will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, June 22 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The concert will raise funds for *Global Health Promise*, which addresses the needs of trafficked and exploited mothers and their children locally and globally. It is estimated that 10 million mothers and their 20 million children are victims of sexual exploitation globally. This program was co-founded by a parishioner of St. Mary's. If you cannot attend the concert you can still support the work of *Global Health Promise* at [www.globalhealthpromise.org](http://www.globalhealthpromise.org).

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 pm: Joe and Peggy Wood

9:00 am: Maryla and Greg Kaminski      11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$3,344.00      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.

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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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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Matthew 10:26-33

This Gospel reading from Matthew talks about how God is always there to protect us and care for us, even when life is painful or difficult.

*This Gospel tells us that God the Father knows everything --- even when a sparrow falls to the ground!! How does that make you feel?*

*Have you ever gone through a very difficult or painful experience and felt God's "presence" in the midst of it? Describe what happened.*

