



**"He will come to us like the rain,  
like spring rain that waters the earth."**

Hosea 6:3-6

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 8, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



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Abraham was an old man. He had no ordinary hope of fathering a son. Yet God chose him to be the father of many nations. Matthew was a tax collector. He was despised by his country's people as a collaborator with the hated Roman government. Yet Jesus chose him to be a leader of the Church. Old men and tax collectors: the choice falls in strange places.

Jesus himself explains. He has not come to call the self-righteous. They believe at heart they have no need of God since they have done an admirable job of assuring their own salvation by their self-made goodness. Jesus has come to call the sick, the sinners, the old men and the tax collectors, who know their need all too well. They have no illusions about their inability to spin the world as it should be spun. The wisdom of God's choices bears itself out in the response. Abraham, knowing he has no hope of sons, places all his trust in the God who promises them. Matthew, and all the outcasts at his table, knowing they have no hope of justification, place all their trust in the Lord who offers it. The Pharisees turn away.

Today's readings seem to set before us two questions. They ask us first with whom we sit at table. How do we choose those to whom we minister with our time, our attention, our presence? Is it those who are deserving or those who are in need? The readings ask us, too, if we will be among the chosen. Do we believe ourselves to be self-sufficient or do we know our need?

**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).

**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](mailto:abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu) or call (503)845-3226.

*Thank you for your parish checks totaling \$1,518.45 from the gifts of your parishioners to support 2008 Operation Rice Bowl, which helps provide essential goods and services to those in need—internationally and locally. We appreciate your kindness and generous support of Operation Rice Bowl.*

*Very truly yours,*

*Dennis B. Keenan, MSW, Executive Director, Catholic Charities*



## **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](http://www.sacredgroundhealing.com) or 503-708-9751.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicholas Kaminski, Kate Cary, Janelle Myers, Lena Knoffer, 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.

### **PRAYER BEFORE READING THE WORD**

God, sower of the seed, we marvel at how your word accomplishes the purpose for which you sent it forth: how few of the seeds you sow take root, yet how spectacular their abundant yield.

Make us good soil, ready to receive what you sow, that we may hear the word and understand it, bear fruit and yield a hundredfold.

### **LITURGICAL READINGS**

Today: Hosea 6:3-6/ Psalm 50/ Romans 4:18-25/ Matthew 9:9-13

Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-6/ Psalm 121/ Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kings 17:7-16/ Psalm 4/ Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26 and 13:1-3/ Psalm 98/ Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kings 18:41-46/ Psalm 65/ Matthew 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kings 19:9-a, 11-16/ Psalm 27/ Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21/ Psalm 16/ Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday: *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Exodus 19:2-6a/ Psalm 100/  
Romans 5:6-11/ Matthew 9:36 through 10:8

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

4:00 pm: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 am: Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 am: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$4,089.25    **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$561.25    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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### **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Matthew 9:9-13**

Today's Gospel passage tells us how Matthew, who was a tax collector, became one of Jesus' Apostles. In Jesus' time, a tax collector was someone who worked for the Romans, collecting taxes from the Jewish people and giving those taxes to the Romans. Often they would collect more than the people owed and keep it for themselves. This Gospel passage also tells us that it was forbidden for someone to eat with sinners and tax collectors -- and we learn that Jesus did just that!!

*By associating with sinners, what do you think Jesus was trying to show us? Jesus wants us to love all people. Who are some people to whom you show love and mercy? Is there one person -- or group of people -- that it is difficult for you to love? Why is that? Think of something nice that you can do for them . . . and then do it!*