



**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16, 2008**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Again this Sunday we hear the insistence on the active vigilance and bold risk required of those who await the Lord. Matthew clearly has in mind a smug community without zeal. He describes as a "worthless, lazy lout" the servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in a servile way what he thinks are his orders. Matthew has so consistently urged believers to outdo themselves that we should not be surprised when the servant who takes the greatest risk reaps the greatest reward.

Matthew does not mince words. What is at stake is the eternal relationship between Christ and the Christian, that "master's joy" which we are called to share. On the last day we will have the judge that we deserve. Jesus is neither harsh nor arbitrary. What he expects of us is in proportion to his love. He asks us to risk everything in order to be open to receive all he has to give. The capital which the Lord entrusts to us is first and foremost his word: it opens our lives to infinite horizons.

Have Christians failed to proclaim the word for fear of risk, for lack of imagination and of initiative in the face of the world's needs? We must not miss our rendezvous with history because of an excess of that caution that has too long confined us.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - Next weekend there will be a second collection for CCHD, the Church's anti-poverty program in the United States. CCHD promotes acts of solidarity with the poor and supported grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 at 8:30 a.m. mass we will celebrate the feast day of our patron St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE of those who have died is in the back of the church where you may write the names of those you wish to remember during the month of November.

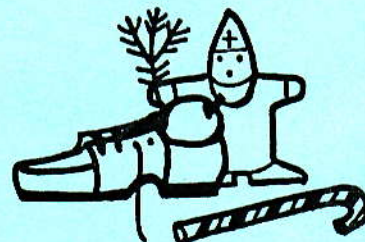
RCIA classes are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the Little House.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - Our first communion and reconciliation class and parents met for the first time last Sunday. There is still time to enroll your child. Classes are held Sundays between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. If you are interested please call the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE! - 7TH ANNUAL ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS/ ST. NICHOLAS DAY
Friday evening, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The Advent of our God, a service of carols, psalms and readings for the season of Advent, by James Hansen, will be performed followed by a potluck supper and the appearance of St. Nicholas himself.

If you have white, white lace, navy blue or light blue tablecloths (to fit 6 ft. rectangular or 60 inch round tables) that could be loaned for the celebration, please call the parish office at 503-222-2168 or Maryann.Pierleoni at 503-675-5165.



ANGEL TREE - Plans are underway for Angel Tree. We need volunteers to help in contacting the caregivers where the children live and also in delivering gifts on December 24. Please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196 if you can help. Angel Tree tags will be available to parishioners on December 6.

READERS, your 2009 workbooks are available in the Fireside Room. Please pick up your copy and sign for it on the nearby sheet.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY COMMITTEE is sponsoring an Advent Day of Recollection, "**I've Come to Serve. And Not Be Served -- Being Eucharist o Others,**" for those who minister to the sick or elderly in any capacity.

Friday, December 5, 2008, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 23120 SE 148th Avenue, Portland

Special Presentation by Rev. Bob Barricks.

\$15, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Please mail your name, address, phone number, parish name and check for \$15 to:

Day of Recollection, Catholic Charities, 231 SE 12th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214

Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

WORLD AIDS DAY MASS - Tuesday, December 2, at 7 pm at St. Clare's Parish, 8535 SW 19th Avenue (SW 19th Avenue & Spring Garden Street), Portland. This special liturgy is held once a year to commemorate those who have died from AIDS and to remind us that many people around the world are still living with the disease.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Proverbs 31:10-13/19-20, 30-31/ Psalm 128/ 1 Thessolonians 5:1-6/
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*- Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5/ Psalm 1/ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/ Psalm 15/ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11/ Psalm 150/ Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10/ Psalm 149/ Luke 19:41-44

Friday: Revelation 10:8-11/ Psalm 119/ Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: Revelation 11:4-12. Psalm 144/ Luke 20:27-40

Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/ Psalm 23/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28/ Matthew 25:31-46

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,672.47 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 am: Frankie and Daryl Anderson.

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25: 14-30

In today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus again talks about the importance of preparing for God to enter into our lives. In baptism, we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In addition to the spiritual gifts, we each have abilities or talents that we need to develop and use to help Jesus in building God's kingdom on earth, thus preparing for God's coming.

Think about each person in your family and name a gift or talent or ability that each person has.

Listen to what your family tells you about your gifts, talents and abilities.

What can you do to develop those gifts, talents and abilities in order to help prepare for Jesus to come again?