



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 12, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hebert request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Marie to Daniel Berne. A reception will follow.

This contemporary invitation is nothing like the one reported by Matthew. The king must send out twice for the guests to come to his son's wedding. The people respond to the royal invitation with indifference or overt hostility. Festivity suddenly gives way to punishment. New guests are gathered at random from the byroads to fill the banquet hall. One poor man is cast into the night, because he had neither the time nor the means to dress for the wedding feast.

This strange narrative discloses deeper meaning. The parable sketches in bold strokes the feast of joy and communication to which Israel was first invited. Israel refused to accept the invitation of the prophets and the just ones, even this last invitation offered by Jesus and his apostles. Their city of Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans. The first Christian community took this as the definitive sign that the invitation should be extended to all humanity.

But if "the invited are many, the elect are few." We can be Christian in name, and yet avoid conversion. We can believe that we are invited to the feast of the kingdom, and yet remain indifferent to the empty plates set before so many of the world's children. It is the baptismal life which counts, not the baptismal certificate. That life is the clothing of which Paul speaks. "You must put on that new man created in God's image whose justice and holiness are born of truth" (Ephesians 4:24). Without that wedding garment, the wedding invitation counts for nothing in the eyes of the king.

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE -



Next Sunday is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, when we have an opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes for your donations are in the pews. Please be generous.

ARCHBISHOP'S GOLF INVITATIONAL - St. Elizabeth again had two teams participating in the 8th annual Archbishop's golf tournament back in September, including Pat Fuller, Rich Sabel, Dave Craford, and Jack Smith on one team, and Larry Freeborg, Paul Haller, Mitch Siekmann, and Steve Matthiesen on the other. It was a bright sunny day and an exciting time on the course. Special congrats to Dave Craford and Mitch Siekmann for winning a "closest to the pin" award! How about a 3rd team next year?

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - If you are interested in enrolling your children in the upcoming classes for first communion and reconciliation, please sign up in the back of the church or call the parish office this week.

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

**FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS FALL, I RECOMMEND
TOM GORNICK'S PROGRAM**

Fr. Jim

VATICAN II - A Seven Week In-Depth Course

You are invited to join others who want to:

Deepen their faith

Be able to explain their faith

Ground their spirituality by study of our Catholic tradition

Location: **St. Anthony Catholic Church**, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard

Instructor: **Deacon Tom Gornick**

Dates: **Thursdays: October 2, 2008 - November 13, 2008, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Cost: \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit, plus required books. Bring your bible.

Sponsored by St. Anthony Parish in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office.

See bulletin board for details and registration forms.

RETROUVAILLE - A Catholic Ministry to Troubled Marriages

The next Retrouvaille weekend is October 17-19 at Mt. Angel Retreat House, Mt. Angel, Oregon. For information, call 503-285-2342 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org. Couples of all faiths are welcome and no one is turned away due to financial difficulties.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR NEWLY SHAMPOOED CARPET CLEAN. Please do not bring food upstairs or eat on the stairway. Thank you.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/ Matthew 22:1-14

Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/ Psalm 113/ Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6/ Psalm 119/ Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25/ Psalm 1/ Luke 42-46

Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10/ Psalm 98/ Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14/ Psalm 33/ Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b/ Psalm 145/ Luke 10:1-9

Sunday: Isaiah 45:1,4-6/ Psalm 96/ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b/ Matthew 22:15-21

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Tom and Anne Barwick

9:00 am: Mary Hulme and Joan Enright 11:00 am: Julie and Lee Steiner

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$4,244.10 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$497.00 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

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Matthew 22:1-14

Today's Gospel reading is yet another parable from Matthew, and in it a king invites important people, family, and friends to his son's wedding banquet, but they do not accept it! The king invites them a second time, but they have all kinds of excuses -- and some of them even kill the king's servants! God invites all of us to His Son's Banquet -- some of us accept the invitation and some don't, some of us come prepared and some don't.

How many times do you think you have received an invitation to God's banquet?

Have you accepted the invitation?

What excuses have you made for saying no?

How do you prepare yourself for the banquet?