



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 19, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's"

This clear-cut retort of Jesus does not claim to say all that must be said about Christian participation in civic life. We must take the passage as a whole in order to avoid two extremes: political systems which would co-opt the Church through favor and those which would exclude it by force. The Church for its part must avoid the temptation to give to God what is Caesar's, to use religion's power to dominate society.

"Is it lawful to pay tax to the Emperor or not?" The adversaries of Jesus and the partisans of the Roman occupation here join forces to trap this Galilean who challenges the established order. In the volatile contest of a proud Judean nationalism which bitterly resents taxation as an ignominious sign of subjection to Rome, this is an explosive question. If Jesus refuses the tribute to Caesar, he places himself on the side of the violent revolutionaries. If he authorizes it, his religious integrity is compromised. These questioners who feign embarrassment are hypocrites. Their pockets are full of Caesar's coins. In fact, they acknowledge the supreme power of the "Lord of Lords", the Roman Emperor. Jesus eludes the trap. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's but give to God what is God's!" Jesus appeals to the Absolute who topples the idols of power.

"Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil 2:11): this cry of primitive faith will forever deny Caesar's claims to absolute divine power. It stands in judgement against the hypocrites who use political or religious ideologies to enslave humanity.

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - This 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.



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.



FALL MUSIC MINISTRY KICKOFF - October 21, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Come to learn new music and help organize the music ministry for the next liturgical year. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES AND HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH invite you to a special **VESPERS on All Soul's Day**, Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 4 PM at Holy Redeemer Church, 25 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland, 97217. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the ancient Christian prayer sanctifying the entirety of the day. Beginning with a service of lighted candles, Vespers includes the chanting of Psalms and hymns, the proclamation of Sacred Scripture, and other prayers. In this special Vespers we will pray for all those who have died. Bring with you or send us the written names of loved ones you want us to remember at Vespers. Contact: Martha & Mary Ministries at 503-284-6408, email: marthamaryministries@spiretech.com, website: marthamaryministries.org

FATHER TIMOTHY MURPHY invites you to attend a benefit concert for the Historic Restoration Fund of St. Patrick's, the oldest Catholic church in Portland on Sunday, November 9th at 5:00PM. Pianist **Michael Allen Harrison**, accompanied by vocalist **Julianne John** and violinist **Tanner Johnson**, will perform holiday favorites, timeless masterpieces and original compositions. Immediately following the concert, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served in the parish hall, compliments of **Wildwood Restaurant**. Reserved seating, Gold Sponsor: 12 seats, \$750; Silver Sponsor: 10 seats, \$600; Bronze Sponsor: 6 seats, \$350. General admission tickets are available for \$50. Contact Colleen at 503-546-1058 or email colleen@jbatravel.com

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL invites you and your family to attend **Open House** on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

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 45:1,4-6/ Psalm 96/ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b/ Matthew 22:15-21
Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10/ Psalm 100/ Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22/ Psalm 85/ Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12/ Isaiah 12:2-3,4c-6/Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21/ Psalm 33/ Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6/ Psalm 24/ Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16/ Psalm 122/ Luke 13:1-9
Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26/ Psalm 18/ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Vince Deguc 11:00 am: Denise and Doug White

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,155.00 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 22:15-21

This parable from the Gospel of Matthew points out the relationship between being a good citizen and being a good Christian. all of us have the responsibility to be good citizens of our country. This includes voting, paying taxes, protecting the rights of others , and living by the laws set down by the government. But, sometimes the laws set down in the Bible and by Jesus "bump up against" these laws and create tension for us.

What responsibilities do we have toward God?

How do those responsibilities affect others?

Can you think of situations when these could "bump up against" the laws of the land? Has this ever happened to you? If so, talk about it.