



**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 7, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**





## Parish Potluck Picnic!

Next Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Salads, main dishes, or desserts requested  
Beverages provided

A successful, "fun-for-everyone" picnic takes many helping hands.  
Sign up Sheets for Food; Set-up, Serving and Clean-up in the back of the Church

See You There!

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, please call the parish office, or indicate your interest on the sign up sheet in the parish hall.

**CONFIRMATION** If you are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office. We are planning classes for fall. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall.

**HELPING OUR PARISH FAMILY**-If you are able to help a parishioner occasionally with a ride to medical appointment, to shop or run an errand for someone who is homebound or just visit with someone who would appreciate a little company, please call the parish office.

### **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.

**THE FIRST HOME RUN**, the **Salazar-Corpora Challenge** with **Alberto Salazar** and **Fr. Joe Corpora**, **CSC** leading a 5K Fun/Run Walk to raise funds for **MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES**, creating a much needed **HOME** for those who are dying. Join them at University of Portland on September 13 at 8:00 am. You can run/walk/watch/pledge your support. All proceeds benefit Martha & Mary Ministries. Check website at [marthamaryministries.org](http://marthamaryministries.org) or call 503-284-6408 for information.



There is a proverb: "The one who loves greatly suffers greatly." Today's gospel deals with mutual correction, the most painful obligation of love. What attitude must a community take toward one of its own who acts against the mind of the Church? The early Church was small: it was quite conscious of its impact as a community on society. "Behold how they love one another," was often quoted of them. Ecclesial unity was seen to be an integral aspect of this love. The Church born from divine love had to be a united body of love where each would be responsible for the faith and holiness of the others.

What dimensions of Christian life gave rise to procedures for removing the roots of evil or misunderstanding among believers? In a wise progression, the Church utilizes prudence as well as patience. Because the Church always presumes that its members act under the impulse of the Spirit, each Christian stands under the obligation of mutual listening and dialogue. In effect, the community cannot carry on as an ordinary tribunal which seeks the confession of the one who fails and which condemns the act. The Church goes beyond justice and acts from mercy in the hope of absolving and reconciling. Even if sinners persist in error, the Church prays for them.

Common prayer is a necessary aspect to the Church's communion. The effectiveness of prayer is determined by the harmony which reigns in the community because this harmony is a sign of Emmanuel interceding with the Church in its prayer. This justifies the Church's refusal to rush to anathema or excommunication and its conviction that responsibility toward one another is more powerful than resentment.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Ezekiel 33:7-9/Psalm 95/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

Monday: Micah 5:1-4a/Psalm 13/ Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11/ Psalm 149/ Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/ Psalm 45/ Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13/ Psalm 139/ Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Psalm 84/ Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/ Psalm 116/ Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/ Philipians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17



### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Gina, Julia & Lena Bainbridge 11:00 am: The Myers Family

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,276.25



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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

### **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Matthew 18:15-20**

Too often we hear the word "community" and think that it means only the church that we go to -- we don't see the larger picture. In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we learn that early followers of Jesus sometimes found themselves in conflict and disagreement. Jesus talks to them about forgiving one another and tells them how members of the church community can help each other reconcile with one another. In this passage, Matthew also reminds us that Jesus is in our midst whenever we gather in his name -- which means that as we gather together in prayer, Jesus is with us.

*Jesus rejected the idea of "An eye for an eye ... a tooth for a tooth" because he wants us to learn how to relate with one another as God relates to us! Why do you think the idea of "payback" can still be such a struggle for us? Can you think of a time when you wanted to "get even" with someone? Talk about what happened.*

*Jesus calls us to be "one" with the members of our Church community. How does the presence of Jesus help us do this?*