



NOVEMBER 8, 2009

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY. Please get your pictures in as soon as possible for the parish directory. Photos are taken after any mass. You may send a digital photo via email (photos@stelizabethportland.net), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. We want photos that clearly show your faces. There will be a memorial page in the directory, so please send in pictures of deceased parishioners. We are selling small business card-sized ads in the parish directory to offset some of the cost. If you have a business we would like to tell the parish about, please contact us. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL! It's time to be thinking about giving of your time or to buy gifts for the children of St. Elizabeth's Angel Tree program. Each year, a sponsored child in the Portland area receives gifts from our parish on behalf of their incarcerated parent serving time in an Oregon prison. If you would like to participate to volunteer your time, please call Gina Bainbridge, 503-244-5196. Gift tags will be available on Dec. 6, 2009. Gifts are to be returned to St. Elizabeth **BEFORE** Dec. 16, 2009. Drivers deliver the gifts to the children's homes on Dec. 9, 2009.

ST. ELIZABETH CHOIR - If you would like to participate in our choir for our St. Nicholas celebration (December 4 at 6:00 or 6:30 PM) and Christmas Eve (December 24 at 4:00 PM and 9:30 PM) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM), please sign up on the list in the parish hall. All practices will be from 7:00 PM to 8:25 PM. Rehearsal dates are as follows:

Tues. 10/27	Tues. 11/17	Thurs. 12/10
Thurs 11/5	Tues. 11/24	Tues. 12/15
Tues. 11/10	Tues. 12/1	Tues. 12/22 (Last Rehearsal)

THE TRAVELING CRIB has been set up in the parish hall for the month of November to collect baby items and maternity supplies for the Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services and Elizabeth House maternity home. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, this project makes the donation of critical items to clients in need more consistent throughout the year. A list of requested items can be found on the table next to the crib.

BOOK IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS - Catholic Family Book Center sent us a flyer on books for children ages two through nine for the Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas seasons. You can order these hard-to-find books directly by phone or on their website. Flyers are in the back of the Church.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION - Sponsored by Catholic Charities Ministry to the Elderly Committee for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any way. Friday, December 4, 2009, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Therese Parish, 1260 NE 132nd Ave.. Presented by Rev. Francis Chun. Call St. E's. office or see bulletin board.

ANNUAL TOBIN LECTURE - November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 3847 NE Glisan. **Respect Life** is the theme of this year's Tobin Lecture. Our keynote speaker is Clarence Pugh, chair of Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. He will address the death penalty. There will also be a panel of community leaders discussing issues that exemplify respect for life and the dignity of the human person: death penalty, abortion, immigration and human trafficking. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Office of Justice and Peace at 50-233-8361 or email justiceandpeace@arcdhdpdx.org

This Sunday's gospel contrasts ostentatious and greedy donors with a faith-filled, humble widow. We can imagine the different feelings of those who brought their offerings to the temple. The pride and self-sufficient rich do not intend to hide their generosity too much, even though their gifts barely make a dent in their holdings. The discreet and humble widow slips two small coins into the collection box. Like the widow of Zarephath, she gives in faith the little which remained for her to live on.

A rabbi of Jesus' day had already noted that two turtle doves offered by a poor person were worth far more than thousand sacrifices offered by King Agrippa. Jesus confirms this opinion. With whom will we take our stand: with the scribes who relinquish only some of their superfluity, or with the poor widow who gives of her substance?

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 1 Kings 17:10-16/ Psalm 146/ Hebrews 9:24-28/ Mark 12:38-44

Monday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Psalm 46/ 1 Corinthians 3:9-c-11, 16-17/ John 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23 through 3:9/ Psalm 34/ Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11/ Psalm 82/ Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b through 8:1/ Psalm 119/ Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Wisdom 13:-1-9/ Psalm 19/ Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Psalm 105/ Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3/ Psalm 16/ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/ Mark 13:24-32

"ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN" - There will be a Day of Reflection for parents and other family members of lesbian daughters and gay sons at the Benedictine Sisters Shalom Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon. This will be on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Florence and Steve Balog, Catholic parents of twin, lesbian daughters, will be the presenters. They will use the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter, "Always Our Children" as the focal point for this day. For more information you may phone the Shalom Center (503)845-6773 or Florence and Steve at (503)845-7850

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,517.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$452.40

WORLD MISSIONS: \$100.00 Thank you for your generosity.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: The Myers Family 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

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and family. Start talking. Share your faith!!

The first reading from Kings and the Gospel from Mark tell stories of widows. Both widows are poor, but generous. They believed that they were doing what God wanted them to do.

Think of a time when you gave something to someone. Were you generous with your gift? Did you give as much as you could, or did you give a little so that you would have lots left over for yourself?

When you have money how do you spend it? Do you remember to include God (the church) in your giving? If you were one of the characters in today's gospel story, what would Jesus say about you?