



**SEPTEMBER 27, 2009**  
**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**FOOD SUNDAY** - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food and place it in the basket in the parish hall. This food goes to Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry. The basket is left out at all times so that you can bring food any time it is convenient.

**SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION** will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

**DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO FEED THE HOMELESS?** On the first and third Sundays of each month, parishioners from St. Elizabeth provide the evening meal to 100 men and 50 women living in homeless shelters operated by Transition Projects. Parishioners who have taken part in this ministry have found it to be both rewarding and enjoyable. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and become involved in it, there are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

**WE ARE UPDATING THE PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY.** We need to collect pictures over the next month. Please have your photo taken after any mass, or send a digital photo via email ([photos@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:photos@stelizabethportland.net)), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. We want photos that clearly show your faces. Also, 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@St.ElizabethPortland.net](mailto:mark@St.ElizabethPortland.net), 503-244-3555).

**CONFIRMATION** - If you are an adult or are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office or sign up in the parish hall. We are planning classes for fall.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION** - Classes will begin soon. Sign-up sheets are available in the parish hall, or call the parish office.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT**-an in-depth course sponsored by Anthony Catholic Church, Tigard in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office. Sr. Catherine Hertel, SSMO will be the instructor. Saturday, October 31, November 7 and November 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit plus required books. Bring your bible. Students receiving credit must attend all classes. Registration form available at [www.stanthonytigard.org](http://www.stanthonytigard.org). Mail audit registration form with check payable to St. Anthony Church, Attn: Agnes Zueger, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard, OR 97223

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$3,287.00 Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 pm: Kathy & Augie Gatto

9:00 am: Maureen & Don Binzer

11:00 am: Denise & Doug White

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

Thank you.



The impulse to new vital movements originating in God's providence operating in the Church can also start and in fact perpetually does start from the "little ones" in God's kingdom, the uneducated and the poor, obscure people who pray and do penance, in short, from "prophetic" persons who, moved by the "Spirit who breathes where he will," address the message of their life, their example and their words to the Church.

When God's Spirit raises up such persons, a special mutual relation arises between them and the Church. On the one hand the Church may not 'extinguish the spirit' of these men. The Church, including its official pastors, must hear their message. It must pray to have such prophetic persons.

It must receive from them the keyword as it were of what is to be done precisely now at this particular moment in history.

This is what has happened time and time again. Innumerable examples might be quoted. Benedict of Nursia, for example, was not a priest and yet by the pneuma (spirit) of his wisdom and discretion he became the father of monasticism, and safely guided the Church and the culture of antiquity into the new era of the Middle Ages. The nun Juliana of Liege died having to all appearances had no success with her mission, yet gave the decisive impetus for the introduction of the feast of Corpus Christi. The powerful Pope Innocent III saw in a dream that a poor man, Francis of Assisi, was the decisive support of the Church. And it was not merely a dream. How many others without office of position, powerful only by their spirit, does the history of the Church record as agents or inspirers of new vital movements and of epoch-making decisions: Antony and Pacomius, the fathers of monasticism, Catherine of Siena who ended the Avignon Captivity of the popes, Joan of Arc, Teresa of Avila, the great teacher of all modern mysticism, Mary Ward the patient champion of the modern type of religious order for women, Margaret Mary Alacoque the prophetess of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes etc.,

(Karl Rahner, *Everyday Faith*, Herder KG, 1967, pp. 130-131)

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Numbers 11:25-29/ Psalm 19/ James 5:1-6/ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8/ Psalm 102/ Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: *Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels* Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/  
Psalm 138/ John 1:47-51

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8/ Psalm 137/ Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5, 6, 7b-12/ Psalm 19/ Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalm 79/ Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Psalm 69/ Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24/ Psalm 128/ Hebrews 2:9-11/ Mark 10:2-16

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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

When Jesus' disciples tell him that they saw someone using his name to cast out demons and they tried to stop him because he was not part of their group, Jesus tells them not to worry because someone who does great things in his name cannot be his enemy. He says "whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus tells them that anyone who does something nice for them because they are his followers will be rewarded because of it. But anyone who causes one of his followers, especially children, to sin, will be severely punished. Jesus warns the disciples to get rid of anything in their lives that causes them to sin. He uses dramatic examples, like cutting off a hand or foot, to show that sometimes the things we need to get out of our lives can seem to be very important and necessary for us.

*Jesus' words today can teach us about our friendships.*

*What did he mean by the words "whoever is not against us is for us"?*

*How are you rewarded (or punished) for the way we treat others?*

*You may have a friend who wants you to do things you know are wrong.*

*What does Jesus say you should do?*