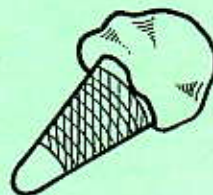




Then the Lord said to Moses,  
"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you."

**AUGUST 2, 2009**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

summer days



**FR. JOHN WIRONEN**, former pastor of St. Elizabeth's, had surgery last week. He is recovering nicely.. If you would like to send him a card, you may send it to 5410 N. Strong Street, #10, Portland, OR 97203.

**THE 12TH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL**, August 7-23, 2009

Richard Marlow, Festival Conductor, Trinity College, Cambridge; Dean Applegate, Festival Director, Cantores in Ecclesia; Mark Williams, Featured Organist, Jesus College, Cambridge; Kerry McCarthy, Guest Director, Duke University; William Mahrt, Guest Lecturer, Stanford university; David Trendell, Guest Lecturer, King's College, London and Cantores in Ecclesia.

Three concerts, five liturgical services and five public lectures in celebration of Renaissance England's greatest composer, William Byrd. To purchase advance tickets for "Apt for Viols and Voyces" on August 7th or the Festival Choral Concert on August, 23rd, visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006. See bulletin board for details or call 503-295-2811.

**MINISTRY FORMATION SUMMER 2009** - Credit for Lay Ecclesial Ministry or audit. August 3-7 at The Griffin Center, 11957 SE Fuller Rd., Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Phone: 503-652-7476. See bulletin board for application and additional information.

**MONASTIC VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT** - Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-40, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 28-30, 2009. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Odo Recker, [abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu](mailto:abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu).

**ALL-PARISHES 1949 GRADE SCHOOL REUNION**

Date: Friday, August 21, 2009, Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

Place: The Madeleine Parish Center, 3123 NE 24th Avenue

Entertainment: 40's and 50's music by "The O'Hern Trio

Cost: \$39.50 per person

Contact: Myron Warren @ 503-667-0301 by August 15th.

Invitees: Any 1949 grade school alum from any parish



**BARBECUE** - August 2, 2009, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97006

Annual Sweepstakes Prizes

Hamburgers, Chicken Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Watermelon Beverages,

See bulletin board.

Today's gospel introduces the long bread of life discourse which follows the multiplication of the loaves in John. This passage seems to reflect the demands of two different groups of people. Those who had witnessed the multiplication of the loaves presume correctly that it is a messianic sign. However, their image of messiah as a political ruler (John 6:14-15) and their expectation of the messianic age as a time of immediate material plenty do not conform to the person and mission of Jesus. The other group seems ignorant of the multiplication of the loaves. They too reflect the popular expectation that God would again supply manna at the Passover which would introduce the messianic age. They demand this very sign. It is the fulfillment of this expectation which the first crowd recognizes in the multiplication of the loaves.

Jesus responds to both groups. From those who look for what is perishable he demands faith in the bread which remains to life eternal. For those who demand the sign of manna he presents himself as the bread which comes from God.

Jesus' response also speaks to us. Our anxiety about what is transitory must yield to concern for the good work of faith. Our hunger for life must be nourished by the real heavenly bread from the Father, the bread which sustains the life of the world (cf. Deuteronomy 8:3).

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15/ Psalm 78/ Ephesians 4:17, 20-24/ John 6:24-35

Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15/ Psalm 81/ Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25 --- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Psalm 106/ Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: *The Transfiguration of the Lord*. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/ Psalm 97/

2 Peter 1:16-19/ Mark 9:2-10

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40/ Psalm 77/ Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6: 4-13/ Psalm 18/ Matthew 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:4-8/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 4:30 through 5:2/ John 6:41-51

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$3,095.00 Thank you.

#### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 am: Jack and Ronnie Smith

11:00 am: Lee and Julie Steiner

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

*Feed the hungry*

*Clothe the naked*

*Give drink to the thirsty*

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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

Today's reading follows John's story of the multiplication of the loaves, read last Sunday. After witnessing this sign, the people go looking for Jesus. Jesus accuses them of seeking him not because they understand the sign they witnessed, but because their physical hunger was satisfied.

Jesus wants the people to believe not only in his power to respond to their physical needs, but also in his identity. Jesus is the one whom the Father has sent. When the people ask what they can do to accomplish the works of God, Jesus says, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

The people want a sign similar to the sign that their ancestors received, bread from heaven. Jesus claims that he is the true bread from heaven: "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." With these words, Jesus is making the same claim that John made as he began his Gospel account: Jesus is the Word who existed before creation, through whom all that exists came to be.

On hearing this, the people say, "Sir, give us this bread always." As we will read in the coming Sundays, through Eucharist, Jesus has indeed given us this bread always. Because we have been given the bread of life, we need never again hunger for the presence of our Lord.