



"Do you also want to leave?"

**AUGUST 23, 2009**  
**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PARISH PICNIC/OCTOBERFEST**



Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 PM  
Helping Hands Needed!  
Sign-up Sheets for Food,  
Set-up, Serving and Clean-up  
are in the back of the church.



**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, **Katelin Marie Delapaz**, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Rom and Hanh Delapaz**, grandparents, **Romulo and Rosa Delapaz**, who have been long time members of the parish, and siblings **Noah, Hannah and Dylan**.

**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 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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS ON SUNDAYS?** We are in need of volunteers. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Your commitment would be for only two or three Sundays a year.

**THE SECOND HOMES RUN** - *Run with Alberto Salazar and Joe Donlon*

Join in the 5K run/walk benefitting **MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRIES**. 8:00 am start time, Saturday, September 26, 2009. See bulletin board and brochures in back of the church.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** - Monday, August 24, Gates open at 4 p.m., concessions open, unlimited rides 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic. Clowns, face painting, stage entertainment/tunes-TO-GO, Silent auction. This **SPECIAL EVENING** is a fund-raising event for **CYO/Camp Howard**. Fill your car with family and friends. Due to parking we have a limited number of tickets available. You can purchase your ticket online @ [www.cypcamphoward.org](http://www.cypcamphoward.org) or call the **CYO** office at 503-231-9484. **ONLY \$40.00** per car. Includes Family Fun Night Admission and 5 unlimited ride bracelets. Additional bracelets can be purchased at the gate for \$8.50.



After Jesus' discourse on the bread of life, disbelief wins over even some of the disciples, who refuse to walk with him any longer. Jesus, however, will not relinquish the demand for faith. But he points out the futility of trying to achieve by human power what is possible only to God. He repeats the opposition between imperishable and perishable found in the introduction to the discourse (cf. John 6:27). "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." The work of the disciple is faith; life is the gift of God.

"Do you want to leave me too?" This poignant question drives us to take our stand with regard to Jesus: are we going to join the disbelievers or the Twelve? "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The commitment must never be taken entirely for granted. The follower of Christ must depend on him and on the bread he gives for support. What Christians, striving to be believers, do not suffer daily from the disparity between their profession of faith and the way they translate it into reality? But that fragility of faith also serves as a cry, a call which the Father hears most particularly every time he gifts us, in the Eucharist, with the very life of his Son.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18b/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:21-32/ John 6:60-69

Monday: Revelation 21:9b-14/ Psalm 145/ John 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/ Psalm 139/ Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/ Psalm 139/ Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Psalm 90/ Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/ Psalm 97/ Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Psalm 98 / Mark 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8/ Psalm 15/ James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27/  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,158.51**

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

4:00 pm: Priscilla and John Prosser

9:00 am: Gina, Julie and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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.

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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

In today's Gospel reading from the Book of John, some of the disciples are having trouble understanding and accepting Jesus' teachings. Jesus states, "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life." This is a "call" to the disciples to believe in Jesus and trust in God. Many of the disciples cannot do this, so they leave and return to their former ways of life. This leaves the "Twelve." Simon Peter speaks for these twelve disciples when he says, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." This shows the faith conversion of the Twelve disciples.

*Think about the things that have happened in your life. Have you trusted in God even when bad things have happened? Explain your answer.*

*Try to think of some things that you can do to increase your trust in God. Talk about them.*