



AUGUST 30, 2009
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



Hotluck - Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 pm
Please sign up if you can bring an entree, salad or dessert,
and if you can help with set-up, serving or clean-up.

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.

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.

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH presents the Muddy Boot Organic Festival, September 11-13 on the parish grounds. The Festival's mission is to promote sustainable living practices within our local communities. Keynote address Sept. 11 at 7pm by environmentalist and author Bill McKibben. Tickets for the keynote address are \$15/\$20 in advance at www.muddyboot.org, or \$25 at the door. On Saturday and Sunday there will be an outdoor celebration with live music, food, beer and wine, nature-based kids' activities, vendors, and panel discussions focused on connecting communities in our changing climate.

THE SECOND HOME RUN - *Run with Alberto Salazar and Joe Donlon*, a 5K Fun Run/Walk on September 26 at University of Portland. Proceeds go to **Martha & Mary Ministries**, a Catholic-rooted non-profit working to open a home for persons in hospice care who cannot stay in their own homes. Run/walk/cheer/pledge your support. Runners will be professionally timed; prizes by age group; refreshments for all participants. For information visit marthamaryministries.org or call 503-284-6408.

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of our ancestors, but instead take food without purifying their hands?" Though the primitive Church resolved the difficulty of table fellowship among Jewish and Gentile Christians, this problem is not foreign to our concern.

The scribes and Pharisees appealed to the body of prescriptions and customs which clarified and interpreted the Law of Moses. This process of interpretation was the attempt to apply the law in every situation of daily life. Jesus does not reject this praiseworthy intention. The practices of the law, however, must never mask what is essential: the state of our hearts, the loyal commitment of our freedom before God. Is the heart not the source of the worship we render him by our entire lives? Our religious behavior must express this center of ourselves.

The gospel takes a stand between legalism and license. Law without the heart is hypocritical legalism which seeks the assurance of external observances without the commitment of faith. But the heart without law is license which fails to recognize the need to govern the difficult coexistence of the old and the new humanity within us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/ Psalm 96/ Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/ Psalm 27/ Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8/ Psalm 52/ Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14/ Psalm 98/ Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20/ Psalm 100/ Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23/ Psalm 54/ Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a/ Psalm 146/ James 2:1-5/ Mark 7:31-37



ST. JOHN FISHER 50TH JUBILEE SEPT. 19-20 - Join past and present parishioners, family and friends to celebrate St. John Fisher Parish's 50th Jubilee. Community picnic on Saturday from 1 to 4 pm and Mass on Sunday at 11:00am followed by a reception. Visit <http://www.johnfisher.org/>.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,027.00 Thank you.

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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Patty Frahler and Bob Bentley

11:00 am: The Nisbet 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

In today's Gospel, some Pharisees and scribes observed that several of the disciples were eating meals with unclean or unwashed hands. They questioned Jesus, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders, but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" Jesus replies that the real evils of our lives - such as greed and deceit - come from within us, not from outside of us.

Jesus is calling us to purify our hearts and our thoughts.

What things in our culture make it hard to keep our hearts and minds pure?

What can you do today to help live your life with a clean heart and mind?

