



"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

AUGUST 9, 2009
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

COME ONE! COME ALLI LEARN NEW MUSIC!

All choir members and anyone interested are invited to come to our second "Learn New Music" session on Thursday, August 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you have some suggestions for hymns, please let Laurel know @ LaurelShepFB@aol.com.

KBVM RADIO is sponsoring a free event open to the public on Sunday, August 16th from 3-6 pm at **Resurrection Catholic Church**, 21060 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062. Doors open at 2:30 pm. Featured speaker is **Peter Herbeck, of Renewal Ministries**. The theme of his talk is **"The New Evangelization: the power of the Holy Spirit and intercessory prayer in our daily lives."** A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall. For details call 503-285-5200 ext. 105 or visit www.kbvm.fm.

FR. JOHN WIRONEN, former pastor of St. Elizabeth's, had surgery recently. 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 or call 1-800-838-3006. See bulletin board for details or call 503-295-2811.

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.

THE DOWNTOWN CHAPEL, 601 West Burnside, invites all to attend the blessing and dedication of their new **Icon of Christ the Healer**, on Sunday August 16, 2009 at the 10:00 am Mass. **Archbishop John Vlazny** will preside. A continental breakfast will follow.

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



"I am the bread from heaven!" This solemn saying provokes scandalized murmurs from the crowd.

A tragic misunderstanding has arisen between Jesus and his hearers. Before identifying himself as the bread of life, Jesus shared the bread of ordinary people. For thirty years his life was marked by everyday meals, festival meals, funeral meals. At the end of those years, the crowd sees only the man who has shared their bread. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? How can he claim to have come down from heaven?" The heart of unbelief is to see in Jesus only the one who shares the bread of people, not the one who shared his own life in the bread. "The bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Jesus is the one who gives the bread. We are tempted to reduce religion to the initiative of the one who decides for God. But it is God who first shares life with us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/ Psalm 112/ John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8/ (Ps) Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9, 12/ Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12/ Psalm 66/ Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17/ Psalm 114/ Matthew 18: 21 through 19:1

Friday: Joshua 24: 1-13/ Psalm 136/ Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a

Psalm 45/ 1 Corinthians 15:20-23/ Luke 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Proverbs 9:1-6/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:15-20/ John 6:51-58

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,457.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$529.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 am: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 am: Peggy and Karl Smith

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

Maybe we have grown too accustomed to the ways Jesus described his connection with us. He says in today's gospel that he is the bread of life and we are to eat of this bread. Further, that anyone who eats this bread will live forever. And the gospel ends with the startling words, ". . . and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

When he said this, he was saying that all he did, every moment of his life, was given for the life of others. That included us. He came to earth so that we might live life more fully. Often he had to stretch the meaning of ordinary language to communicate this profound truth of his life.

He lived serving others. He offered his presence, his time and energy to help those he met. We call this *altruistic* love. It has also been described as gift love. Surely such love is a miracle in itself. But it is not a miracle that is unusual.

Gift love happens all around us. Sometimes we are "guilty" of it. It's important to think about this because it's the most important event in the whole universe. It may be nothing more than getting a glass of water for a thirsty child or taking time to listen to a confused teen. Yet this sort of thing is at the very heart of God's creation. Jesus came to show us how to love like this.