

"I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores.

The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me,

'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

JULY 12, 2009 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

COME ONE! COME ALL! LEARN NEW MUSIC!

All choir members and anyone interested are invited to come to a fun "Learn New Music" session on July 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you have some suggestions for hymns, please let Laurel know @ LaurelShepFB@aol.com.

PASTORAL TRAINING FOR WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING PARISHIONERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS The Archdiocese of Portland is one of three dioceses throughout the country who will be offering a one-day training to increase awareness and understanding of the reality of mental illness and the important role that faith communities can play in supporting parishioners who live with this illness and their families. The training will be held at St. Pius X parish center on Friday, July 24th. For a brochure and more detailed information, please call the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities, 503-233-8399.

MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY 38TH ANNUAL BACH FESTIVAL.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - July 29, 30, and 31, 2009. Mount Angel Abbey (St. Benedict, Oregon). Each evening begins with vespers in the Abbey Church for those who wish to join the monks (5:15 pm), followed by a brief musical presentation at 6 pm. Picnic supper is served at 6:30 pm. Feature performance 8 pm in the Damian Center. 2009 performers are: Dana Robinson, organ in the Abbey Church each night; Wednesday-Affinite with Nadina Mackie Jackson, bassoon, and Guy Few, trumpet, corno and piano; Thursday-Infinitus with Alex Cheung, cello, Anthony Cheung, viola and John Littlejohn, violin; and Friday-Lucille Chung, piano.

General Admission \$45/night or Patron Admission \$125/night (\$80 tax-deductible). Subscriptions-General Admission \$120/all 3 nights or Patron Subscription \$375/all three nights (includes \$255 tax deduction). Tickets available online at www.mountangelabsey.org/bach-home.htm or by phone: 800-845-8272 or 503-845-3066.

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.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND - A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of July 24-26 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by July 20 recommended). The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights, meals and resource materials. Special payment arrangement and partial scholarships are available. Call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971 for more information, or email margi8280@comcast.net. You may visit the website @ www.beginningexperience.org. Beginning Experience, a peer ministry, was created with the help of the founders of Marriage Encounter in the 70's. The Oregon team, active since 1978, provides three healing Weekends each year.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH is hosting the *Prayer Hour for Life* on Wednesday, July 22 from 7-8 pm. Please join together with parishioners throughout the vicariate for an evening of music and prayer dedicated to ending abortion and bringing healing to all those hurt by this assault on life. Resurrection Parish is located just off I-205 at 21060 SW Stafford Road in Tualatin.

Through the sending out of his disciples, Jesus, who remains behind, sees his message spread. They who share in his company and his destiny are committed to the prophetic proclamation of the kingdom. As he spoke in former times through the prophets, God still speaks through human words. Certainly, these Galilean fishermen had no more preparation than Amos, the simple herdsman, for such a mission. But what matters is not the brilliance of their intellect, the seductive power of their words, the nobility of their origins. Ridding themselves of useless baggage and resources, they must let Christ speak through their mouths, act through their hands. Of course, because the kingdom of God does not meet superficial human expectations, the success of the mission is not guaranteed. The "crowds" welcome may be lukewarm or ephemeral, if not hostile. That should not stop them. Seized by God, chosen by his Son, the disciples must go ahead and proclaim the imminence of the kingdom.

Thus, far from being the time when the prophetic word has ceased to make itself heard, the time of the Church is the eleventh hour when, with the greatest urgency, the gospel must be preached and spread. Faithful to the Spirit, we, by our stammered words and hesitant actions, must awaken our times to the mystery of Jesus and his kingdom.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Amos 7:12-15/ Psalm 85/ Ephesians 1:3-14/ Mark 6:7-13 Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22/ Psalm 124/ Matthew 10:34 - 11:1 Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a/ Psalm 69/ Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 11:28-30 Friday: Exodus 11:10-12:14/ Psalm 116/ Matthew 12:1-8 Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42/ Psalm 136/ Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6/ Psalm 23/ Ephesians 2:13-18/Mark 6:30-34

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,326.30 SIMPLE SUPPER: \$816.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Mary Loy

9:00 am: Mary Hulme and Joan Enright 11:00 am: Kathy and Rich Sabel If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.



WELCOME!

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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 STAFE

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 Jesus reveals the basic strategy he created to spread the gospel after he was gone. It has many interesting features. First, his followers are to go out to the world in pairs. He doesn't tell them why. Perhaps it's for the sake of safety, but maybe there's a deeper reason. Maybe he is saying that when living in God's Kingdom, there are no soloists! We work together.

Notice also that he tells them to travel light. Carry no extra clothes and not even a sandwich. Again, it may be that his advice is simply practical since most travel back then was done on foot. He didn't want them worrying about possessions or luggage. But maybe there's another deeper message. Don't be tied down to anything.

His main point was that he wanted his disciples (then and now) to focus on just one thing. He wanted them to tell others about what he had taught them and what he had done for others. And if people didn't want the message they offered, move on to the next place. Don't look back; look to what's ahead. Again, this is great advice for everything in life. Keep moving. For them and for us.

