



**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 26, 2010**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF  
HUNGARY CHURCH**



*I hope that by now you have received the Capital Campaign materials from the Archdiocese and have taken the time to read it so that I won't have to read it to you. Please consider supporting the Campaign as a way of passing on the faith to the next generation.*  
*Fr. Jim*

**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.

**FOOD SUNDAY** - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish food bank to help feed the hungry.

**A NOTE FROM IMMACULATE HEART PARISH**

Some stats for the parishioners' information. In the past ten months we've distributed 156,254 pounds of food to 3,858 people. That's an average of 122 pounds per average family. And we've done that at a cost of four cents per pound. The donations from St. Elizabeth Parish help us reach these numbers and are greatly appreciated. I wish we had more great help like you provide.  
Bill Schwindt, Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, or if you are an adult or are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office to indicate your interest. Preparation meetings will begin this month. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

**FIRST COMMUNION** - Classes will begin soon. A sign-up sheet is available in the parish hall, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168 to register.

**4TH ANNUAL ROSARY BOWL NW** - Saturday, October 2, Oregon Fairgrounds Pavilion Building, Salem, Oregon, I-5 Exit 256. 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. [www.rosarybowlnw.org](http://www.rosarybowlnw.org). See bulletin board.

**2011 OREGON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY** - Order online with a credit card at [www.ocp.org/directory2011](http://www.ocp.org/directory2011) or call 1-800-LITURGY (548-8749). \$25 each.

**PORTLAND AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

Jesuit High School	October 3
Valley Catholic High School	October 10
Central Catholic	October 17
St. Mary's Academy	October 24
LaSalle Catholic College Prep	November 7
De LaSalle North Catholic	November 14

Parables demand careful reading. There is little detailed description about the characters in today's gospel. It is never said that the rich man is wicked. We are never told that Lazarus badgers him for help which he actively refuses. Between them, however, lies an abyss that cannot be bridged. It is the abyss of unawareness and self-sufficiency. The anesthetized conscience of the rich man is no longer touched by the reproach of poverty.

Thus we can understand Jesus' warnings: "How hard it will be for the rich to go into the kingdom of God. Indeed it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven" (Luke 18:25). Sometimes we read on the door of elegant buildings: "No soliciting." What if that prohibition were to be found reversed at the threshold of the kingdom, "The rich need not apply." That is the picture Luke seems to paint.

Is there no redemption then for the rich? At the door of the kingdom there are no rich and poor. Both are saved by the word of God. That word reveals to men and women their radical interdependence. The self-sufficiency of the rich can blind them to the Lazarus at their gates. The affluence of our society can close our ears to the cries of the third world. In neglecting their needs, we exclude ourselves from the table of the kingdom.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos 6:1a,,4-7/ Psalm 146/  
1 Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31

Monday: Job 1:6-22/Psalm 17/Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23/Psalm 88/Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14/Psalm 138/John 1:47-51

Thursday: Job 19:21-27/Psalm 27/Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5/Psalm 139/Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Psalm 119/Matthew 18:1-5,10

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Hebrews 1:2-3;2:2-4/Psalm 95/2 Timothy  
1:6-8,13-14/Luke 17:5-10

**DESIGN THE COVER OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD!** Children of all Parish schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Archdiocese are invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded. Contest rules are posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, call Catholic Charities at 503-688-6286.

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY** \$3,541.00 Thank you.

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

9:00 AM Jack and Ronnie Smith 11:00AM 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.

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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

**FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS**

**Luke 16:19-31**

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus only appears in Luke. This story asks us to look at our lives and compare them with people who are less fortunate, and then it clearly shows us how we are to treat the poor and hungry. Christianity begins here and now with all of our actions and words, and is not just something that will be rewarded in the next world.

***What can we learn from the suffering of Lazarus?***

***What could the rich man have done to change his fate?***

***How can we be better stewards of our resources?***