



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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A BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL THE HELPERS,
THOSE WHO SET UP AND CLEANED UP,
THE GREETERS, SERVERS
DECORATORS,
OUR GREAT ST. ELIZABETH BAND!
AND
ALL WHO CAME TO HELP MAKE IT A GREAT PARTY

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 and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office to indicate your interest, or sign up in the back of the church.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - Classes will begin soon. If you would like to enroll your child, please sign up in the gathering space at the back of the church or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

MISSING PYXES - We very much appreciate all who minister to the homebound by taking them Holy Communion, but please remember to return the pyx (the container for the host(s)). We are missing several, and they are needed for the ministry.

SOX DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS - October 6th and 7th

We will participate in the West Portland Suburban Vicariate Sox Drive again this year. Last year the Vicariate collected a total of 1,338 pairs of sox, which were much appreciated by our homeless brothers and sisters.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the October program in Mt. Angel, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Who is Jesus? Already in Jesus' lifetime people asked themselves many questions about him. Some, although they were astonished by the authority of his words, said: "It is the carpenter's son." Others saw in him a traitor, a rebel, even one possessed by a demon. Still others considered him a prophet. For Peter, it is clear. Jesus is the Messiah. He will be the liberator, the savior of Israel. Even acknowledging him as Messiah, they misunderstood the type of liberation brought. When Jesus reveals to his disciples that his destiny leads to the cross, Peter rebels, immediately drawing down upon himself a severe reprimand: "Your idea of the Messiah is that of human beings, not that of god!" Jesus is not the political Messiah they are awaiting. One cannot contain him in human ideologies.

Today, what are they saying about Jesus? Is he a sort of Gandhi, a Martin Luther King, Jr., a Che Guervara, the first of the Marxists, a "superstar"? To limit ourselves to what "they" are saying about Jesus is to condemn ourselves to constant confusion. To touch the truth of his mystery, we must accept the personal question he asks us: "Who do you say that I am?"

An accumulation of facts about him will never replace a personal knowledge of Jesus and his cross. The cross is the moment of truth for the Christian. It is the test which verifies whether we are truly disciples of the Messiah, unexpectedly hidden behind the features of a suffering servant. To share life with the one we love, is the logic of friendship. It is to this vocation of friendship that Jesus summons us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Isaiah 50:5-9a/ Psalm 116/ James 2:14-18/ Mark 8:27-35
Monday:	1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33/ Psalm 40/ Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a/ Psalm 100/ Luke 7:11-7
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 12:31 through 13:13/ Psalm 33/ Luke 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 15:1-11/ Psalm 118/Luke 7:36-50
Friday:	<u>St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist.</u> Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 15:33-37, 42-49/ Psalm 50/Luke 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Wisdom 2:-12, 17-20/Psalm 54/ James 3:16 through 4:3/ Mark 9:30-37

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,694.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly

11:00 AM: The Myers 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., Pastor

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's Second Reading, like that of last Sunday, comes from the Letter of James. It raises the debate of faith and works: "What good is it, brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" For James, this is a rhetorical question, since the answer is clear: faith without works is dead. Given what Jesus himself says about discipleship, it appears that Jesus would agree with James: denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following Jesus requires hard work.

Faith in Jesus requires a great deal of work.

