



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 15, 2013

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,
AFTER 4:00 PM MASS
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS
*Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages are provided.
Helping hands are needed.
Please sign up in the back of the church.*

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION – If you would like to enroll your child for sacramental preparation, please sign up in the gathering space at the back of the church or call the parish office.

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Would you like to serve on our Hospitality Committee? New opportunities for serving Coffee and Donuts will be coming out next month. As a committee member you would be responsible for serving coffee and donuts after the 9:00 or 11:00 masses two or three times during the October-June period. This ministry is fun and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on October 18-20, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org or www.Retrouvailleoregon.org.

The A GIFT (Adults Growing in Faith Together) The Returning Catholic Ministry of Our Lady of the Lake Church invites inactive and semi-active Catholics to come together to discuss their faith. The *Awakening Faith* program is structured to invite conversation and bonding between people. The resulting bonds help them see their connection to the Catholic faith and inspire them to learn and grow in their faith. Dynamics of sharing and conversation in an open and confidential way, with strong welcome and hospitality, reinforce the sense of connection...and re-connection. *“Awakening Faith”* sessions begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 and run through Wednesday, December 4, 2013. There are four additional weeks that are optional and may be added. Sessions will be held at the Parish Center, 650 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR, in the Cana Room from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM .For further information call Irene Boone at 503-636-3125 or boone5121@comcast.net or Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915. See bulletin board for titles of sessions to be presented..

Forgiveness is the greatest and the most incomprehensible miracle of God's love because God communicates himself in it, and does this to a person who in something which only appears to be a mere banality of everyday life has managed to do the monstrous thing of saying "no" to God.

God's word of forgiveness is not only the consequence, but is also and ultimately the presupposition of the conversion in which a guilty person turns to God and surrenders himself in faith, trust and contrition, and it can be heard in the depths of conscience. For as the ground upon which conversion is based, this word of forgiveness dwells within the trusting and loving return of a person to God, the return in which this person repents and does homage to the merciful love of God. Throughout the length and breadth of the history of the human race this quiet word of forgiveness often has to be enough by itself.

(Karl Rahner, Foundations of Christian Faith, Crossroad, 1978, p. 421)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/ Psalm 51/
1 Timothy 1:12-17/ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8/ Psalm 28/ Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13/ Psalm 101/ Luke 7;11-17

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16/ Psalm 111/ Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Timothy 4:12-16/ Psalm 111/ Luke 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12/ Psalm 49/ Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/ Psalm 19/
Matthew 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Amos 8:4-7/ / Psalm 113/
1 Timothy 2;1-8/ Luke 16:1-13

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Maryla and Greg Kaminski 11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.
Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,155.21

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$100.00

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

Reflection

What would make a shepherd go after the one sheep with a flock of 99 safely in the corral? One missing sheep may not seem so serious to the shepherd or the rest of the sheep, but being the one missing number from the flock certainly matters to the lost sheep. This shepherd has compassion to recognize that the lost sheep may be hurt, terrified, and in danger somewhere. Instead of counting it as an unfortunate loss, he sets out to help. This parable reveals something about our compassionately loving God. Each of us matters to God, especially when we are lost, and God rejoices when we find our way back.