



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

13TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM
Lessons and Carols
Potluck Dinner
Appearance by St. Nicholas

Please sign up at the back of the church if you will bring food to the potluck, will help with set-up, decorating, serving or clean-up.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Nora Hadley Asklar, who will be baptized this Saturday, November 15, 2014. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Jesse and Mary Asklar.



ANGEL TREE - We will again be participating in the Angel Tree program this Christmas season. Angel Tree is a program established by Prison Fellowship to reach prisoner's children who hope for a Christmas filled with joy. Many children feel abandoned and confused by their parent's incarceration. They hope that their parent in prison remembers them. You can help by donating a gift in the name of the incarcerated parent. Gift tags will be available on Dec. 6th and 7th.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB is here for the month of November. The Travelling Crib is a program of Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support program. The crib travels to different parishes to collect donations for unwed mothers. You may place your baby gifts in the crib. Cash donations are also accepted. Please feel free to use the self-addressed envelopes by the crib. Cash donations are used to purchase diapers, pack-n-plays, and car seats.

ALL SOULS. You may inscribe the names of the deceased you wish to remember in our Book of Remembrance at the back of the church. Our All Souls Remembrances will be part of all our masses during the month of November.

CHOIR PRACTICE for St. Nicholas Eve, Friday, December 5, Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Masses will be held every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:15 PM beginning October 28th through December 23. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the back of the church.

Again this Sunday we hear the insistence of the active vigilance and bold risk required of those who await the Lord. Matthew clearly has in mind a smug community without zeal. He describes as a "worthless, lazy lout" the servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in a servile way what he thinks are his orders. Matthew has so consistently urged believers to outdo themselves that we should not be surprised when the servant who takes the greatest risk reaps the greatest reward.

Matthew does not mince words. What is at stake is the eternal relationship between Christ and the Christian, that "master's joy" which we are called to share. On the last day we will have the judge that we deserve. Jesus is neither harsh nor arbitrary. What he expects of us is in proportion to his love. He asks us to risk everything in order to be open to receive all he has to give. The capital which the Lord entrusts to us is first and foremost his word: it opens our lives to infinite horizons.

Have Christians failed to proclaim the word for fear of risk, for lack of imagination and of initiative in the face of the world's needs? We must not miss our rendezvous with history because of an excess of that caution that has too long confined us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/
Psalm 128/ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/ Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious.

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Psalm 1/ Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/ Psalm 15/ Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11/ Psalm 150/ Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10/ Psalm 149/ Luke 19:41-44

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Revelation 10:8-11/ Psalm 119/ Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: Saint Cecilia, virgin, martyr.

Revelation 11:4-12/ Psalm 144/ Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/ Psalm 23/ 1 Corinthians
15:20-26, 28/ Matthew 25:31-46



Elizabeth of Hungary

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Paula Hamilton and John and Patricia MacLean

9:00 AM: Karl and Barbara Wetzel 11:00 AM: The Myers Family

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,233.00 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

While God neither gives equally nor expects equal results, he does expect a return on his investment. The servant who buried his talent for safekeeping is punished severely: he is excluded from the "master's joy," cast out to place of suffering and regret. God knows us and gives us talents in keeping with our natural strengths, so that we may invest them, that is, use them in a way that will bring a return for the one who gave them. When our talents find an outlet, service becomes joy. That is what God wants for each of us.