

IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 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.

<u>CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION</u> will begin soon. If you have children who will be receiving their First Communion, please sign the list in the back of the Church, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES —A second collection will be taken next weekend for the support of Martha & Mary Ministries, whose mission is to promote dignity at end of life through compassionate care and presence, spiritual support and community education.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A Quick Journey through the Bible

St. Francis Parish in Sherwood is offering a series of Adult Education presentations on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center on September 3, 10, 17 and 24.

A second series entitled **The Bible and the Mass: The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy** will be offered in October. For more information contact Dee Campbell, <u>dee.campbell@ymail.com</u>. A list of the classes is on the bulletin board.

WHO ARE THE PAULISTS?

How are they "different" from the Franciscans, the Jesuits, or Diocesan priests? Fr. Charlie Brunick, CSP will present a 3-part series to explain why the Paulist Priests are unique in their mission and goals. Each session will be at St. Philip Neri Church, SE 16th and Division Street, from 10:45 to 11:45 am following the 9:30 am Mass.

September 28 Who is "Servant of God?" ----Isaac Hecker (Founder)
October 12 The Mission and Charisms (gifts) of the Paulist Fathers
October 26 The Paulist Associates----Collaborators in Mission

<u>AWAKENING FAITH</u> – The Returning Catholic Ministry at 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. Sessions begin on Wednesday, October 1 and run through Wednesday, November 5 at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center, 650 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR. See bulletin board for further information or call Irene Boone at 503-636-3125 or boone5121@comcast.net or Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915...

There is a proverb: "The one who loves greatly suffers greatly." Today's gospel deals with mutual correction, the most painful obligation of love. What attitude must a community take toward one of its own who acts against the mind of the Church? The early Church was small: it was quite conscious of its impact as a community on society. "Behold how they love one another," was often quoted of them. Ecclesial unity was seen to be an integral aspect of this love. The Church born from divine love had to be a united body of love where each would be responsible for the faith and holiness of the others.

What dimensions of Christian life gave rise to procedures for removing the roots of evil or misunderstanding among believers? In a wise progression, the Church utilizes prudence as well as patience. Because the Church always presumes that its members act under the impulse of the Spirit, each Christian stands under the obligation of mutual listening and dialogue. In effect, the community cannot carry on as an ordinary tribunal which seeks the confession of the one who fails and which condemns the act. The Church goes beyond justice and acts from mercy in the hope of absolving and reconciling. Even if sinners persist in error, the Church prays for them.

Common prayer is a necessary aspect to the Church's communion. The effectiveness of prayer is determined by the harmony which reigns in the community because this harmony is a sign of Emmanuel interceding with the Church in its prayer. This justifies the Church's refusal to rush to anathema or excommunication and its conviction that responsibility toward one another is more

powerful than resentment.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel 33:7-9/ Psalm 95/

Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 13/

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, priest. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11/ Psalm 149/ Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/ Psalm 45/ Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13/ Psalm 139/ Luke 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Psalm 84/ Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: <u>Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church</u>.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22/ Psalm 116/ Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/

Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Joey and Joey Verlanic

11:00 AM: The Nisbet Family
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,299.07 Thank you.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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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

Jesus acknowledges the presence of sin within the community of believers and provides a path for bringing members back into the fold. Only when all else fails is the sinner to be excluded from the community. This Gospel makes it clear how important community is for Christian believers. Each individual member of the community is important and necessary No one can be spared. We need each other, Jesus reminds us, to pray with us and for us, to call us to task when we go astray. There is something special about this shared prayer: even where just two or three are gathered, Jesus is in our midst. Even the smallest community is a privileged place of grace.