

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOVEMBER 8, 2015** 

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

GOOD NEWS! St. Alexander Catholic Church has raised nearly \$4 million of the \$6 million needed to build the new church. This includes nearly \$39,000 from 64 families at St. Elizabeth. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from our parish so we are only \$10,000 away from that goal. Now there is a \$400,000 matching gift, which means every donation from now on will be matched dollar for dollar. Also, you can now make your donation on credit card. Simply go to Parish Pay.com, type in St. Alexander Catholic Church and enter your credit card billing information. You can make a pledge or one-time contribution on Parish Pay. Thank you all for your generous support of our mission to help the good people of St. Alexander build a new church!

THE TRAVELLING CRIB HAS ARRIVED and will be here during the month of November for the collection of baby and maternity items for *Pregnancy Support Services* at Catholic Charities. This is a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said "yes" to new life. A list of items needed can be found on the table near the crib. Especially needed are all sizes of diapers, diaper wipes, baby hygiene items, Pack & Plays (new and gently used), car seats (2013, 2014 and 2015 only), and maternity clothes (new and gently used). Cash donations are also accepted.



#### **ADVENT DAY RETREAT**

"The Shoot of Jesse; the Incarnation of Christ"

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 9 am - 2:30 pm (doors open at 8:30 am)

Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton 97007

Retreat Master: Fr. Vincent Kelber, OP

\$40.00 per person, includes lunch

Visit www.olpretreat.org,, or phone 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org

#### **TWELVE ANGRY JURORS**

The tension is high in the Central Catholic Performing Arts Center as twelve jurors hold the fate of a young man's life in their hands. One life is gone, and the life of another is at stake. The jury must deliberate whether the man on trial is guilty or innocent of murder. With a guilty verdict, the accused will be put to death. You will sit on the edge of your seat as suspense runs rampant in this engrossing courtroom thriller.

November 12-14 at 7:30pm and November 15 at 2:00pm \$12 adults and \$8 for students. For reservations, call 503-235-3138, Ext 1107

This Sunday's gospel contrasts ostentatious and greedy donors with a faith-filled, humble widow. We can imagine the different feelings of those who brought their offerings to the temple. The proud and self-sufficient rich do not intend to hide their generosity too much, even though their gifts barely make a dent in their holdings. The discreet and humble widow slips two small coins into the collection box. Like the widow of Zarephath, she gives in faith the little which remained for her to live on.

A rabbi of Jesus' day had already noted that two turtle doves offered by a poor person were worth far more than thousand sacrifices offered by King Agrippa. Jesus confirms this opinion. With whom will we take our stand: with the scribes who relinquish only some of their superfluity, or with the poor widow who gives of her substance.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 Kings 17:10-16/ Psalm 146/

Hebrews 9:24-28/ Mark 12:38-44

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ Psalm 46/

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/ John 2:13-22

Tuesday: Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church. Wisdom 2:23 through 3:9/

Psalm 34/ Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop. Wisdom 6:1-11/ Psalm 82/ Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b through 8:1/ Psalm 119/ Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Virgin (USA). Wisdom 13:1-9/ Psalm 19/

Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Psalm 105/ Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daniel 12: 1-3/ Psalm 16/

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/ Mark 13:24-32

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Coleen and Jim Connolly 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: \$6,121.25 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: \$75.00 Thank you.

## **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, Administrative Assistant - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

### Reflection Mark 12:41-44

St. Ambrose once said in a homily on the rich man who tore down his barns to build bigger ones, "The hearts of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever." The widow in today's Gospel was so confident in divine providence that she threw into the collection the last of her "surplus wealth." Her heart had stored up a vast amount of trusting dependence upon God; her barn will last forever. Do you have such radical trust in God? When you give, does it flow from the deep desire to be humbled before God? Pray for the spirit of this widow; tear down those barns, and let God satisfy your deepest longings.