



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

WHAT A GREAT PICNIC!!

*Thank you, everybody, especially the Committee,
the Sauerkraut Band, all the workers,
and all who brought anything.
The food, the dancing, the visiting were all terrific!*

RCIA – If you or someone you know would like to participate in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) please sign up in the back of the church.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY – Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

A COMMEMORATION, CELEBRATION & REFLECTION ON NOSTRA AETATE 50 YEARS LATER

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to join Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 NW Flanders, Portland, OR 97209 on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary for **IN OUR TIME**, a commemoration of 50 years of an evolving Jewish-Catholic Relationship. A reception will follow. Sponsors are Jewish Community Relations Council – Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, The Archdiocese of Portland, University of Portland, Oregon Board of Rabbis, Garaventa Center, Congregation Beth Israel and Oregon Catholic Press.

What is **NOSTRA AETATE**? (Latin: In Our Time) is the declaration of the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions of the Second Vatican Council. Passed by a vote of 2,221 to 88 of the assembled bishops, this declaration was promulgated on October 28, 1965, by Pope Paul VI.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES invites all students in grades Kindergarten through 5th to design the cover of our 2015 Christmas card. A winner will be selected from each category to receive a prize and have his/her artwork printed on the Christmas card.

Category 1 – Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Category 2 – 2nd & 3rd Grade

Category 3 – 4th & 5th Grade

See bulletin board for details and rules. Questions? Call Jennifer McVicker at 503-688-2656.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery.' This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, you spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. So many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille Weekend. Retrouvaille is not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning October 16-18, 2015, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

The authentic way to be Christian is imaged for us in the figure of the crucified Christ. In stretching out his arms on the cross, he opens himself to all humanity. Therefore, universal understanding and acceptance ought to characterize the disciple of Christ.

Joshua failed to recognize the prophetic charism of two men who did not come to the Tent of Meeting. John did not understand that one could expel demons in the name of Jesus without being among the Twelve. Under pretext of orthodoxy, we often tend to identify belonging to Jesus with some elitist option. No one can appropriate the spirit of the Risen One to any confessional, social, or even political position. The gospel stands in judgement against all ecclesiastical provincialism, all claims to monopolize the power of the Spirit which is its source.

The temptation to exclude is no more legitimate within the Church than outside it. In our assemblies, there are so many simple and devout whose religion may seem insufficiently enlightened and whose faith may appear childish. No one has the right to discount or despise them. Much less does a claim to liberty of the Spirit give any one the right to scandalize these simple believers.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Numbers 11:25-29/ Psalm 19/
James 5:1-6/ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8/Psalm 102/Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Revelation 12:7-12a/ Psalm 138:/John 1:47-51



Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8/Psalm 137/Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Psalm 19:8-11/Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalm 79/Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Psalm 69/Luke 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Genesis 2:18-24/Psalm 128
Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,163.00

Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary Swick and Charlotte Richardson 11:00 AM: Ed and Karen McGlone

Please come early. 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, 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 9:38-40

Life teaches us that discernment between right and wrong is not always black and white; the layers of different factors that comprise our decisions are often quite complex. The disciples struggle with just this fact in today's passage from Mark. They are upset because good is being done apart from them. One hears it said a lot today: "I can be spiritual without being religious." This is certainly true, and we must make room in our spiritual lives for people who practice good, who enact justice, who promote community, but who do not "belong to Christ." Nevertheless, for those of us who "belong to Christ," we have an obligation to make our belonging an attractive invitation to others outside of Christ's Body.