



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
5:00 PM  
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS



*Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert.  
Beverages are provided.  
Helping hands are needed.  
Please sign up in the back of the church.*

*See You There!*

**RCIA, FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION** – If you or someone you know would like to participate in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or if you would like to enroll your child in a class for First Communion or First Reconciliation, please sign up in the back of the church. We would like to organize our classes for this fall as soon as possible.

**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 am 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.

**CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL OPENINGS** - St. Thomas More Catholic School has current openings in kindergarten and second grade for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Parents interested in learning more about these opportunities or in scheduling a private tour may contact Amy Jefferis, School Principal, at 503-222-6105. For additional information, please visit the STM website: [www.stmpdxschool.org](http://www.stmpdxschool.org).

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 PM: Traci and Tom Galbraith

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Kerry, Ann, and Jonathan Heisler

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

We have all heard of tragic cases of children walled in solitude because they are blind, deaf- from birth and mute. The devotion and skill of language specialists sometimes succeed in opening these sufferers to the world of signs and of speech. But what is to be done when the eyes, ears and tongue of the heart are blocked? How many people, how many couples there are who “don’t understand each other,” who “no longer speak to each other!” How many “dialogues of the deaf” there are between persons, groups, institutions or nations where there is no longer any mutual trust, acceptance of the others in their fragility and respect for what they bring.

Such situations can help us to grasp the symbolic significance of the healing of the deaf-mute. Faced with people who have grown deaf to his preaching and who do not listen to his appeals for conversion, Jesus has moved on into pagan territory. He has come to open ears and loosen tongues. He wants us to be capable of listening and of entering into the dialogue of salvation which baptism establishes between God and his people. To those of us who are closed—the rich, the powerful, the proud, the self-sufficient—Jesus commands: “Be opened!”

Be opened, Christian, to listen and receive the teachings of the gospel! Be opened to speak your faith with your whole life! Be opened to allow your “Our Father” to pass into all your works! Then how eloquently our lives would speak, how they would refer to Jesus Christ! The entire world could not help but say: “He has done everything well! He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah 35:4-7a/Psalm 146/  
James 2:1-5/ Mark 7:31-37
- Monday: Colossians 1:24 through 2:3/ Psalm 62/ Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/  
Psalm 13/ Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11/ Psalm 145/ Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17/ Psalm 150/ Luke 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14/ Psalm 16/ Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17/ Psalm 113/ Luke 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Isaiah 50:5-9a/ Psalm 116/  
James 2:14-18/ Mark 8:27-35

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,548.00 Thank you.

*Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday!*

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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.

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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

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## Reflection Mark 7:31-37

The rite of Baptism concludes with the *ephphatha*, a liturgical replication of Jesus's miracle of healing the deaf mute. The prayer reads: "May (Jesus) soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." Thus, the Sacrament of Baptism proclaims that our ears and mouths are instruments for glorifying God. We are to keep our ears clean and our mouth pure so that we may filter out what does not testify to the good that Jesus has done for us. May our ears and our mouths be opened by Christ so that others will say: "He has done all things well."