



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE NOT IGNORING YOU! The church office email has been very uncooperative for the past few weeks. We're working on the problem, but in the meantime, the telephone is the more reliable mode of communication. If your email bounces back to you, don't take it personally.

UNBOUND PRESENTATION SEPTEMBER 10 & 11: We have extended an invitation to Rev. Richard Bayuk CPPS to come to our parish on the weekend of September 10-11, 2016. Father Bayuk will speak about the work being done by Unbound (previously known as CFCA), and how it provides a trustworthy way to actively answer the Gospel call to serve the poor. Unbound has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 20 developing countries since 1981—empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential.

Unbound's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. With a monthly contribution, a sponsor helps to provide much needed nourishing food, medical and dental care, the chance for a child to go to school, livelihood programs for families and much more. All of these efforts are directed at affirming the dignity of every person in their local community. Join us in welcoming Fr. Bayuk and hearing more about this worthwhile organization.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! St. Elizabeth's 17TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m.
Skamania Golf Course in Stevenson, WA.
Registration forms are available in the back of the church.
Contact Shawn Duffy at 503-753-9323 with any questions.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will take place on September 17th on the lawn of the little house next door immediately following the 4p.m. Mass. Sign-up sheets will be out as the date approaches. Tim McCarthy's band, "Seymour" will add to the fun again this year. Plan on joining us!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 27 & 28th:

4:00 PM Saturday Wine & Cheese: Patty & Erle Norman and Meg Mertens

9:00 AM: Eileen & Perry Broughton 11:00 AM: Tom & Traci Galbraith

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

“Are they few in number who are to be saved?” This question has been repeated throughout the centuries. Faced with the demands of the gospel or the fact that millions never hear the gospel, laity and theologians alike have experienced a certain anxiety. The discussion often takes place in an atmosphere of certainty that we are on the right side.

Yet the theoretical question concerning the number of elect is fruitless. We have been forewarned that the door that leads to salvation is narrow. What matters is to act, to do courageously all that lies within our power to enter. There are no guaranteed reservations that will assure us access to the banquet. We must not mistake the door. Neither ethnic identity nor religious heritage substitutes for life in Christ.

Our religious tradition tends toward one of two extremes. Either we rest smug in the conviction that baptism alone suffices or we suffer the delusion that we can earn salvation by spiritual athletics. The narrow door opens between these two.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 66:18-21/ Psalm 117/ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/ Luke 13:22-30.
Monday:	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 23:13-22.
Tuesday:	<i>St Rose of Lima, Virgin.</i> 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 23:23-26.
Wednesday:	<i>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle.</i> Revelations 21:9b-14/ Psalm 145/ John 1:45-51.
Thursday:	1 Corinthians 1:1-9/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 24:42-51.
Friday:	1 Corinthians 1:17-25/ Psalm 33/ Matthew 25:1-13.
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31/ Psalm 33/ Matthew 25:14-30.
Next Sunday:	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Psalm 68/ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Collection for Last Sunday: \$ 5048.00. 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.

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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.

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. James Martin Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday



He is no fugitive—escaped, escaping.
No one has seen him stumble looking back.
His fear is not behind him but beside him
On either hand to make his course perhaps
A crooked straightness yet no less a straightness.
He runs face forward. He is a pursuer.
He seeks a seeker who in his turn seeks
Another still, lost far into the distance.
Any who seek him seek in him the seeker.
His life is a pursuit of a pursuit forever.
It is the future that creates his present.
All is an interminable chain of longing.

(Robert Frost, Escapist—Never, *The Poetry of Robert Frost*,
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969, p. 27)