



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

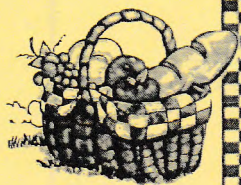
August 7, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY IS FOOD SUNDAY! Baskets are out for Transition Projects dinners and the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank. Thank you for your generous contributions to these important ministries.

ST. ALEXANDER UPDATE: Construction of the new church at St. Alexander Parish is progressing on schedule. The exterior is nearly completed and concrete floor slab for the office and classroom wing is completed. Photos of the construction are on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Copies of the complete Field Observation Report for week ending July 31 is on the back table. That's the good news. Unfortunately, fundraising efforts have slowed during the summer and \$450,000 is still needed to complete Phase 1 (new church and parking). An additional \$1.3 million is needed to complete Phase 2 (new offices and classrooms). Your contributions and prayers are appreciated for the continued success of this project. Envelopes and pledge/donation forms are available on the back table. Thank you for all the generous support from St. E's to help build this much needed new Catholic Church in Cornelius. You are encouraged to attend Mass at St. Alexander's and see for yourself how the building is progressing. Masses are held on Saturday at 7PM and Sunday at 7am, 9am (English), 11 am, 1 pm and 6pm.

St. Elizabeth's 17TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE: Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m. Skamania Golf Course in Stevenson, WA. Registration deadline August 15th. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Call Shawn Duffy at 503-753-9323 with any questions.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will take place on September 17 on the lawn of the little house next door immediately following the 4p.m. Mass. Tim McCarthy's band, "Seymour" will add to the fun again this year. Cecily Harkins and Patty Frahler have graciously agreed to help plan the event - Thank You!!!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - August 13th and 14th:

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Gary & Ruth Lord

9:00 AM: Tim & Leslie Hutchinson 11:00 AM: Patrick & Theresa Niedermeyer

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

The state of constant vigilance the Greek Fathers called *nepsis*. It comes from the Greek work *nepo* which means to be sober, not inebriated or intoxicated. It refers to a mental sobriety, a mental balance, an internal disposition of attention to the movement of God's Spirit leading us to true discernment of how we should react to any given situation or temptation according to our true dignity as God's loving children. In such a state we are not moved impulsively by our own passions, but we hold ourselves in abeyance until we discern what this or that thought is all about in God's Logos. "Speak, Lord, Thy servant hears (1 S 3:10). God is the living criterion of our choices and as often as we choose according to His Holy Will, the freer we become as His children. Freedom is not primarily having the possibility of choosing good or evil, but ultimately choosing always the good according to God's Logos. This is the true integration of ourselves according to the likeness of God, brought about by fidelity to the interior living Word of God within us. It is the state of continued living out of our Baptism, of dying to self-centeredness in order to rise with Christ to put on His mind to the Glory of God the Father." (George A. Maloney, SJ, *Reflective Healing*, Dimension Books, 1979, pp. 34-35)

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Wisdom 18:6-9/ Psalm 33/
Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19/ Luke 12:32-48.
- Monday: *St. Dominic, Priest*. Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c/ Psalm 148/
Matthew 17:22-27.
- Tuesday: *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr*. Ezekiel 2:8-3:4/
Psalm 119/ Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.
- Wednesday: *St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr*. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10/ Psalm 112/
John 12:24-26.
- Thursday: *St. Clare, Virgin*. Ezekiel 2:1-12/ Psalm 78/ Matthew 18:21-19:1.
- Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63/ [Psalm] Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Matthew 19:3-12.
- Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 19:13-15.
- Next Sunday: *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/ Psalm 40/
Hebrews 12:1-4/ Luke 12:49-53.

Collection for Last Sunday: \$3,233.00. 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



REFLECTION

In today's Gospel reading, Peter asks if the lesson on preparedness is meant for all or just the leaders. Jesus seems to ignore his inquiry, but actually gives a clear response: vigilance is expected of all to the degree that matches their understanding. That awareness and readiness is expected of all who follow Christ is seen in Jesus' lavish praise of the servant the master finds already doing his duty. He is the one who will be put in charge because he saw and responded to need without waiting for instructions. This is the critical difference between harsh and lenient judgment: those who know and do not act should expect severity because much is required of those entrusted with much. But even those given less are not entirely exempt of responsibility. While more is demanded of the privileged, readiness is expected of all.