



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

A WARM WELCOME TO FR. BILL WICKHAM who is our celebrant while Fr. Jim is on vacation over the next few weeks. It's great to have you back, Fr. Bill!

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 17th 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. We need a coordinator (or two) to help plan the picnic. If you are willing to help out, please call Elizabeth in the church office 503-222-2168 or email - office@stelizabethportland.net.

RIVER WEST VILLAGE - Not a Place, but a Plan for Independent Living. The office was contacted this week by a volunteer for River West Village, a program that "empowers older adults to thrive in the homes and neighborhoods they love." River West Village is launching a program in Fall 2017 to serve 20 SW Portland Neighborhoods. They're seeking volunteers! This sounds like a great program that enables older adults to remain in their homes with help from screened volunteers and vetted professional vendors. Volunteers assist Portland residents with transportation, light home maintenance and cleaning, technical device assistance, shopping and errands, light gardening and pet care. River West Village is part of a national movement begun over 10 years ago. There are now over 190 villages with 185 in the development stage, seven of which will be in Portland. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning stages of the Portland program, check out their website at www.RiverWestVillage.org or contact Carl Petterson 503-396-1445. Brochures are available in the back of the church.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - July 30th & 31st:

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Jim & Liz Haberman

9:00 AM: Karl & Barbara Wetzel 11:00 AM: Kerry & Ann Heisler

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

Collection for Last Sunday: \$5753.90 Thank You!

“Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples.” The apostles address Jesus as a “master of prayer,” asking him to reveal his secret to them. We also need to know it, “for we do not know how to pray like we ought.” (Rom 8:26).

“Ask . . . seek . . . knock.” These verbs emphasize the insistence of the call to prayer and the assurance of being heard if we persevere. “You will receive, you will find, it shall be opened to you.” Above all, do not become discouraged. Prayer requires long patience, but through perseverance, it obtains an answer. If earthly parents, with all the faults they may have, give to their children only good things, all the more must our heavenly Father give the most precious good to those who ask for it.

In showing us God’s response to prayer, Jesus helps us to understand prayer itself. To pray is not to impose our will on God but to ask him to make us open to his will. To pray is not to want to change God but to ask him to change us. For the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer, “Your kingdom come,” a very ancient variant substitutes “May your Spirit come upon us and purify us.”

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Genesis 18:20-32/ Psalm 138/
Colossians 2:12-14/ Luke 11:1-13.
- Monday: *St James, Apostle.* 2 Corinthians 4:7-15/ Psalm 126/ Matthew 20:20-28.
- Tuesday: *Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Jeremiah 14:17-22/
Psalm 79/ Matthew 13:36-43.
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/ Psalm 59/ Matthew 13:44-46.
- Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6/ Psalm 146/ Matthew 13:47-53.
- Friday: *St. Martha.* Jeremiah 26:1-9/Psalm 69/ John 11:19-27.
- Saturday: *St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary.* Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/
Psalm 69/ Matthew 14:1-12.
- Next Sunday: *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23/ Psalm 90/
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/ Luke 12: 13-21.

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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

Jesus teaches us to approach God with gentle persistence by calling God "Our Father," praising God, seeking to live God's reign, asking to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to be freed from the final test. Ever the good parent, God gives good things, even when they might not be exactly what we asked to receive. Jesus revealed God's persistent love for us. How persistent are we to see, know, and live that love through regular communication through prayer? This week, try to engage in meaningful communication with God through regular, purposeful prayer. See if it makes a difference in your life, your relationship with your family and friends, and, most importantly, your relationship with God.