



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HOSPITALITY AT ST E's NEEDS A BOOST!** More volunteers are needed to help with the Saturday wine & cheese and Sunday coffee and donuts hospitality ministry. These are wonderful opportunities to contribute to the social vitality that makes St. E's so special. It's also a great way to meet more of your fellow parishioners. There are many helpful folks who will mentor you through your first experience hosting, so don't let fear stand in your way! We also need substitutes for both programs, so if you can be on the sub list, please let us know. Contact Elizabeth in the church office if you can help us out. 503-222-2168 or [office@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:office@stelizabethportland.net).

**EMERGENCY TRAINING IN CPR & AED:** Our own Kevin Shanders, EMS Battalion Chief for Portland Fire & Rescue, will offer training sessions in CPR and Automatic Electric Defibrillation in groups of 10 here at the church. Training sessions take approximately 1.5-2 hours. Interested? A sign-up sheet is in the back. Please indicate what days work best for your schedule. You will be contacted.

**RCIA, FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION CLASSES:** 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/First Reconciliation, please sign-up in the back of the church. (The sign-up sheet is on the table with the all those Catholic Updates.) We'd like to organize our classes for this fall as quickly as possible.

**DOWN SYNDROME NETWORK OREGON'S 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUDDY WALK**  
Sunday, September 25 at Millennium Park Plaza in Lake Oswego. Register today at [www.dsno.org](http://www.dsno.org). Lunch provided!

**ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE: WITNESSING THE FATHER'S MERCY,** October 15, 2016 at the University of Portland. Information cards are available in the back of the church. EARLY REGISTRATION is now open until September 30<sup>th</sup> - the rate is \$50, and includes lunch.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Elizabeth Duncan & David Barberis

9:00 AM: Mary & Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Jim & Karyl Frazer

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

Sacred Scripture teaches human-kind what has also been confirmed by the human experience, namely, that the great advantages of human progress are fraught with great temptations: the hierarchy of values has been disordered, good and evil intermingle, and every person and every group is interested only in its own affairs, not those of others. So it is that the earth has not yet become the scene of true camaraderie; rather, human-kind's swelling power at the present time threatens to put an end to the human race itself.

The whole of human history has been the story of our combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history until the last day. Finding themselves in the midst of the battlefield humans must struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to themselves, and aided by God's grace that they succeed in achieving their own inner integrity. Hence the Church of Christ, trusting in the design of the creator and admitting that progress can contribute to human-kind's true happiness, still feels called upon to echo the words of the apostle: "Do not be conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). "World" here means a spirit of vanity and malice whereby human activity from being ordered to the service of God and human-kind is distorted to an instrument of sin.

(Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #37, Costello, 1975, p.936)

### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Amos 8:4-7/ Psalm 113/  
I Timothy 2:1-8/ Luke 16:1-13.
- Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34/ Psalm 15/ Luke 8:16-18.
- Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/ Psalm 119/ Luke 8:19-21.
- Wednesday: *Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.* Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/  
Psalm 19/ Matthew 9:9-13.
- Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/ Psalm 90/ Luke 9:7-9.
- Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/ Psalm 144/ Luke 9:18-22.
- Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12/ Psalm 90/ Luke 9:43b-45.
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Amos 6:1a, 4-7/ Psalm 146/  
I Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31.

Collection for last Sunday \$4615.

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 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Contact parish office

Marriage: Six months' notice required

## 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 the Gospel, we hear a critique of those whose sole concern is to secure gain for themselves. The prophet Amos warns unscrupulous merchants who cheat and defraud the vulnerable that they will be judged harshly by God. Jesus warns his disciples that it is impossible to serve God while maintaining a love affair with wealth. The issue is our responsibility to others as well as to ourselves. The issue is trustworthy stewardship of the limited resources we share in our world. Our moral and economic compasses need to be in harmony.

