



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2016

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY IS FOOD SUNDAY: Baskets for your free will offerings for Simple Supper and Immaculate Heart Parish food bank are located at the front of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is only two weeks away! Saturday, September 17th on the lawn of the little house next door immediately following the 4pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are out! If you can help with the event (set-up, manage the food, clean-up) and/or contribute to the feast, please sign up.



UNBOUND PRESENTATION: Next week Rev. Richard Bayuk CPPS will speak about the work being done by Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 20 developing countries since 1981 by empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential. Join us in welcoming Fr. Bayuk and hearing more about this worthwhile organization.

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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – SEPTEMBER 10TH and 11TH:

4:00 PM Wine & Cheese: Mary & Ed Medak.

9:00 AM: Mary & Dick Adkisson 11:00 AM: Frankie & Daryl Anderson

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

It is not an easy way of life that Jesus proposes to the “great crowd that was with him.” His words are not addressed to a select few, the professional religious people, but to all who would follow him. He calls for radical renunciations. We must prefer nothing to the love of Christ, not even the strongest bonds of affection. To be his disciples, we must take up the cross and renounce everything.

Is this reasonable? We have become so reasonable that most of the time we no longer show any of that gospel audacity which marks the authentic disciple of Jesus. In a world where the conditions of life are dominated by the idols of materialism, Jesus’ call demands heroic response. We are led to rediscover, in the gospel, the high cost of grace.

In the invitation to radical detachment, the issue is attachment to a person, Jesus. We become what we love. If we love money, we will become money. If we love Christ, we will become children of God.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Wisdom 9:13-18b/ Psalm 90/
Philemon 9-10, 12-17/ Luke 14:25-33.
- Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8/ Psalm 5/ Luke 6:6-11.
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11/ Psalm 149/ Luke 6:12-19.
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31/ Psalm 45/ Luke 6:20-26.
- Thursday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Micah 5:1-4a / Psalm 13/ Matthew
1:18-23 .
- Friday: *Saint Peter Claver, Priest.* 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Psalm 84/
Luke 6:39-42.
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22/ Psalm 116/ Luke 6:43-49.
- Next Sunday: *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/ Psalm 51/
1 Timothy 1:12-17/ Luke 15:1-32.

Collection for Last Sunday: \$ 6,794.00 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

Happy Labor Day

Reflecting on the deeper meaning of our work through the lens of faith can have a profound impact on how we approach our jobs. It's the difference between "I've got to go to work" and "I get to go to work."

A worthy exercise on this Labor Day would be to take a few minutes to reflect on the deeper meaning of one's labor, and how one's faith shapes our understanding of the value of our jobs. We ask, "How is my job creating good in the world?" or "How is my job helping fix what is broken in the world?" If we take a few minutes this Labor Day to find compelling answers to those questions, we'll return to our labor Tuesday with a lot more passion to get down to work, and do our work well, for our sake, for the sake of others, and for God's sake.