



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 20, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME BACK FR. BILL WICKHAM! Thanks for filling in while Fr. Jim explores the Yukon Territory. (BTW, Fr. Jim is having a wonderful time rediscovering old haunts, visiting old friends and getting much needed rest. He sends his love.)

The Latest Editions of the SENTINEL and THE WORD AMONG US are available in the gathering area.

ST. E's ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC will be held on Saturday, September 16th following 4:00 pm Mass. Sign-up sheets are out if you'd like to help with the picnic preparation. Tim McCarthy's band, Seymour, will play again this year. Save the date and plan to join us!

RCIA and FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES ARE FORMING: If you're interested in either class, please fill out a form available on the gathering area or contact Elizabeth at office@stelizabethportland.net or 503-222-2168.

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH will celebrate the first Mass in its new church at 11 am on Sunday, August 27th. All members of St. Elizabeth are invited to join the celebration. St. Alexander is located at 170 N 10th Ave, Cornelius, OR 97113 (on the corner of Adair and 10th Avenue. If you'd like to CARPOOL on August 27th sign-up in the gathering area or contact Kathy Sabel, 503.781.4669(cell) or kmsjuly4@comcast.net

RETRouvaille WEEKEND PROGRAM September 29 to October 1, 2017. Retrouvaille is a Catholic marriage ministry program designed to help couples heal and renew their marriages. A Priest is always present during the entire weekend. For more information or to register, call 503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 26th & 27th :
Saturday Wine & Cheese: Gary & Ruth Lord
9:00 AM—Coleen & Jim Connolly
11:00 AM – Cate Gomez, David Burgess, John Moore
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement!

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: \$4331.00 Thank you!

Jesus withdraws to the Gentile districts of Tyre and Sidon to get away from the adversaries who taunt him for breaking the Jewish rituals of purification. Here he will redefine the limits of clean and unclean. Through the supplication of a Canaanite woman, he will deal with the question of salvation for the Gentiles.

Strangely enough, Jesus remains silent as if he shared the arrogant particularism of the Jews toward these “dogs of the Gentiles.” He seems to hesitate and when he decides to answer the woman, he does so in shocking terms. He wishes to do the will of God who desires that the lost sheep of Israel be gathered together. Only then, from the base of the renewed people, will he welcome the Gentiles, in accordance with their belief into the great family of Abraham. What is this woman’s problem? She does not believe that she has any right to demand the bread of divine friendship reserved primarily for the Jews. All she can ask for are crumbs. But she asks with such faith and humility that she will receive the fullness of salvation for which she hopes. In the welcome Jesus gives this foreigner, the Christians of the first century saw a prophetic model for their own attitude toward the Gentile believers. They had to go beyond the limits of an elitist religion, one based on race alone, in order to preach a universal salvation grounded in faith.

Can we transcend the frontiers of our prejudices? Many whom we consider alien in fact teach us the meaning of faith.



LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7/ Psalm 67/
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/ Matthew 15: 21-28.
- Monday: St. Pius X, Pope. Judges 2:11-19/ Psalm 106/ Matthew 19:16-22.
- Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Judges 6:11-24a/ Psalm 85/
Matthew 19:23-30.
- Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15/ Psalm 21/ Matthew 20:1-16.
- Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Revelation 21: 9b-14/ Psalm 145/ John 1:45-51.
- Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/ Psalm 146/ Matthew 22:34-40.
- Saturday: Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11,; 4: 13-17/ Psalm 128/
Matthew 23: 1-12.
- Next Sun: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 22: 19-23/ Psalm 138/
Romans 11: 33-36/ Matthew 16: 13-20.

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