



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 23, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Thank you for all the love, friendship, and generosity you showed me on my birthday! Is it any wonder why I keep sticking around this place?*

*Fr. Jim*

**FIRST COMMUNION & RCIA CLASSES FORMING:** Help us get an early start this year! We're signing-up children for first communion classes to begin in September and adults interested in RCIA classes in order to be received into the church during next year's Easter Vigil. If you're interested, please call or email Elizabeth at the church office.

**THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL** will be held from August 11-27. The schedule is available in the gathering area or go to [www.byrdfestival.org](http://www.byrdfestival.org).

**PORTLAND YOUNG ADULT MASS:** The Archdiocese of Portland and St. Mary's Cathedral invite all young adults between 18 and 39 years of age to Mass with Archbishop Sample followed by a free barbecue in St. Mary's courtyard. Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. No RSVP required. Email [cathedralpdxya@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralpdxya@gmail.com) with any questions.

**CARPOOL TO ST. ALEXANDER** – If you are interested in carpooling to St. Alexander's dedication on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, sign up in the gathering area, and we'll see if we have enough interest. If you'd prefer to attend Mass at St. Alexander's later in the year, sign up, and we'll attempt to get a car pool together for an agreed upon date.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – July 29 & 30th:**

Saturday Wine & Cheese – Jim & Liz Haberman

9:00 AM – Kay Fagan & Barbara Kitzberger

Molly Milan & Lynda Jackson

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND:** \$3799.00 Thank you!



The temptation to restrict the Church to the perfect has always haunted the Christian community, animated as it is by a high ideal of holiness. To conquer evil has sometimes been interpreted as meaning to destroy sinners. Many a "holy war" has been fought in the name of Christian righteousness. Even James and John wanted to command fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his parables of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient followers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned with the growth of wheat than with the elimination of the weeds. The time for separation and for burning will come, but it is not now.

Today's readings call the servants of God's kingdom to share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord. Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster the growth of what is good is in itself to overcome evil.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Psalm 86/  
Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43.
- Monday: Exodus 14:5-18/ [Psalm] Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-6/ Matthew 12:38-42.
- Tuesday: *Saint James, Apostle*. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15/ Psalm 126/  
Matthew 20:20-28.
- Wednesday: *Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.  
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/ Psalm 78/ Matthew 13: 1-9.
- Thursday: Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ [Psalm] Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Matthew 13:10-17.
- Friday: Exodus 20:1-17/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 13:18-23.
- Saturday: *Saint Martha*. Exodus 24:3-8/ Psalm 50/ John 11: 19-27.
- Next Sun: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Psalm 119/  
Romans 8:28-30/ Matthew 13:44-52.

TOILETRIES COLLECTION FOR TRANSITION PROJECTS will continue throughout the Summer months.



# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

4112 SW 6th Avenue Drive

Portland, OR 97239

(503)222-2168 email: [office@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:office@stelizabethportland.net)

[www.stelizabethportland.net](http://www.stelizabethportland.net)

\* \* \* \* \*

## 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.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

\* \* \* \* \*

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Since parables are open-ended, offering more than one way to understand them, we can also see the admixture of wheat and weeds within the Church itself where we experience both healthy, vigorous wheat and unhealthy, destructive weeds growing and struggling and striving. Further, we can see in ourselves both good and evil, wheat and weeds present in our thoughts and our actions. Whichever way we look at the parable, we see that God who sows the good seed remains present, patient, and attentive. And, ultimately, whether it is the world, the Church, or ourselves, the final judgment is left to God, not to us.