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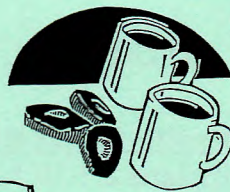


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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

IT'S FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets are out for Simple Supper and the food pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish.

ROSE LACEY: A Celebration of Rose Lacey's Life will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 1:00 pm at Jesuit High School's Performing Arts Center.

CPR/AED CLASS -SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 10AM: We've scheduled a Saturday class for certification in CPR/AED. The class will be taught by our own Kevin Shanders and will take place in the church gathering area. It is free but space is limited! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back.

TRANSITION PROJECTS NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS! St. Elizabeth's long-standing Ministry at Transition Projects needs additional volunteers for its third Sunday of the month meals. This does not need to be an every month commitment; you can choose the months you are able to commit to serve. For information, contact Mary K. Eilers 503-310-6453 or meilers@comcast.net.

October copies of THE WORD AMONG US are available in the gathering area.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel 18: 25-28/ Psalm 25/
Philippians 2: 1-11/ Matthew 21: 28-32.
- Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels. Zechariah 8: 1-8/ Psalm 102/
Matthew 18: 1-5, 10.
- Tuesday: Zechariah 8: 20-23/ Psalm 87/ Luke 9: 51-56.
- Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi. Nehemiah 2: 1-8/ Psalm 137/
Luke 9: 57-62.
- Thursday: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Psalm 19/
Luke 10: 1-12.
- Friday: Baruch 1: 15-22/ Psalm 79/ Luke 10: 13-16.
- Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary. Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29/
Psalm 69/ Luke 10: 17-24.
- Next Sun: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 5: 1-7/
Psalm 80/ Philippians 4: 6-9/ Matthew 21: 33-43.



The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel introduced a new insight. It is not only the nation as a whole that must make moral choices and suffer their consequences. Every person must decide to obey or disobey the word of God spoken in the Law and in the prophets; and every person must take the consequences. In that sense, judgment belongs to the one who makes the choice, not to the God who accepts it. We are fair or unfair to ourselves.

Both prophet and evangelist remind us that no choice is definitive except the final one. The son may say one thing now and do another later. In fact, both of us have played both the first son and the second: we have made commitments we have not kept commitments we had not made. Our lives are always in the making through the process of decision. Yet we shape ourselves gradually into one consistent pattern of obedience or disobedience by the choices we make.

The gospel, echoing many an Old Testament passage, suggests that it is not we alone who are affected by the outcome. In the parable, the man is father to both sons. In the story of Jesus, God is parent to the chief priests and elders as well as to the tax collectors and prostitutes. He sends the word of salvation to them both. We can imagine the father standing at his door awaiting the return of both the sons he sent to the vineyard. And only one appears.

Whatever our past choices, today's message is clear: now is always the time to repent and believe. No one is so urgent about our decision as the God who has given us both the choice and the power to make it in Christ Jesus. "Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he might live?" (Ezek 18:23).

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES:

De La Salle (North Portland) - October 8th

Valley Catholic (Beaverton) - October 8th

St. Mary's Academy (Downtown Portland) -- October 15th

Jesuit High School (SW Portland) -- October 22nd

La Salle (Milwaukie) - October 29th

Central Catholic (SE Portland) - November 5th

2017 CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC

CHARITIES: Deadline for submission is October 13th. Details are available in the gathering area.

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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.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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PARISH STAFF

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

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: Regular collection: \$3,460
Hurricane Relief: \$7,300.00 (Total to date!)

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – October 7th and 8th.

Saturday Wine & Cheese – Mary & Ed Medak

9:00 AM – Kevin Shanders 11:00 AM – Tim & Traci Shields

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement!

“Those of whom God demands the most perfect hope must look closely at their sins. This is to say that they must let God shine His lamp suddenly upon the darkest corners of their souls—not that they themselves must search out what they do not understand. Too much searching conceals the thing we really ought to find. Nor is it certain that we have any urgent obligation to find sin in ourselves. How much sin is kept hidden from us by God Himself, in His mercy? After which He hides it from Himself!”
(Thomas Merton, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, Doubleday, 1966, p.23)