

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

That was one Fantastic Picnic!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our picnic such a fun event. The music, the food, the dancing and all the wonderful people behind the scenes hauling tables and chairs, pruning, organizing the kitchen, cleaning-up. You made it all come together! And special thanks to the Galbraith Family for overall organization and traffic control!

Next weekend is FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets will be out for Simple Supper – we could use cash infusion – and the Food Pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish! Thank you!

THE WORD AMONG US for October is available in the gathering area.

<u>2019 GOLF SCRAMBLE !!!</u> It's next Sunday, October 6th at Red Tail Golf Center in Beaverton. Cross your fingers for sun! Have a blast!

<u>BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FORMING FOR FALL</u> - Thanks to all who gave input. We are in the process of establishing study groups for the Fall and Advent seasons. More details will be forthcoming as groups are finalized.

WINE & CHEESE VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 16TH!

Can you help? Consider joining forces with a friend or two and host Wine & Cheese! All that's required is some cheese, crackers and a few other hors d'oeuvres (it is not supposed to be dinner!). It really is a fun way to contribute to St. E and everyone appreciates your efforts! Contact Elizabeth @ 503-222-2168.

<u>NEED A RIDE???</u> Neighborhood House provides rides for any purpose, including medical, meals and shopping. They will pick you up at your chosen destination, take you where you need to go, and retrieve you when you're done. Transportation is provided in wheelchair-accessible vans and lifts. Call Ride Connection at 503-226-0700 at least four business days before the trip. Handout describing this service is available in the gathering area.

Parables demand careful reading. There is little detailed description about the characters in today's gospel. It is never said that the rich man is wicked. We are never told that Lazarus badgers him for help which he actively refuses. Between them, however, lies an abyss that cannot be ridged. It is the abyss of unawareness and self-sufficiency. The anesthetized conscience of the rich man is no longer touched by the reproach of poverty.

Thus, we can understand Jesus' warnings: "How hard it will be for the rich to go into the kingdom of God. Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven" (Luke 18:25). Sometimes we read on the door of elegant buildings: "No soliciting". What if that prohibition were to be found reverse at the threshold of the kingdom. "The rich need not apply." That is the picture Luke seems to paint.

Is there no redemption then for the rich? At the door of the kingdom there are no rich and poor. Both are saved by the word of God. That word reveals to men and women their radical interdependence. The self-sufficiency of the rich can blind them to the Lazarus at their gates. The affluence of our society can close our ears to the cries of the third world. In neglecting their needs we exclude ourselves from the tables of the kingdom.

<u>THE LIFE CHANGING POWER OF PRAYER</u> – Twilight Talk Series with Dina Marie Hale. Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Location: Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. Questions? 503-649-7127; <u>www.olpretreat.org</u>.

It's that time of year again! <u>CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES</u>:

All Open Houses are on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

October 3 - Jesuit

October 13 - Central Catholic

October 20 - Valley Catholic and De La Salle North Catholic

October 27 - St. Mary's Academy

November 3 - La Salle Prep

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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.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - October 5th & 6th:

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Judy & Rainier Tuinzing and Shelly & Dan Handkins

9:00 AM - Tim & Leslie Hutchinson

11:00 AM - Garth & Mary Nisbet

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

Collections Last Weekend: \$3,880.00. Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos 6:la, 4-7/ Psalm 146/ Sunday:

1 Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31.

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Memorial). Zechariah 8:1-8/ Monday:

Psalm 102/ Luke 9:46-50.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial). Tuesday:

Zechariah 8:20-23/ Psalm 87/ Luke 9:51-56

Wed: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial). Nehemiah 2:1-8/ Psalm 137/

Matthew 18:1-5, 10.

Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Psalm 19/ Luke 10:1-12.

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi (Memorial). Baruch 1:15-22/ Psalm 79/

Luke 10:13-16.

Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Psalm 69/ Luke 10:17-24.

Next Sun: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/

Psalm 95/2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14.