

The Elizabethan



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September 2016

From Fr. John:

Why we do what we do during Ordinary Time. After the feast of Pentecost, which fell this year on May 15th, our liturgical calendar changed from the Pascha or Easter Season to what we call “Ordinary Time.” We actually recognize another “Ordinary Time” after Epiphany, but we are currently in the longer season that lasts until the Feast of Christ the King, which we consider to be the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

So while “ordinary” refers to that part of the church year outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, the term “ordinary” does not mean drab, unexceptional or uninteresting. The word means that we count the Sundays after the seasons of Christmas and Easter in *order*, using *ordinal* numbers. Ordinary Time is the longest liturgical season of the church year. We use our green vestments for the altar and clergy as a reference to the growth of the spiritual seeds planted as we put down roots into the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. Ordinary Time enables us seek, experience and share the presence of the Risen Christ as a community of faith.

The themes we encounter during the summer Ordinary Time tend to center around relationship and ministry. Specifically, we hear in our readings about our relationship with God, with Christ and one another through our prayers, our sacraments and through life in community. We also hear about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the church, and the various ministries of the church as agents of God’s grace in the world.

Depending on where we are in the lectionary cycle, we hear large portions of scripture from Matthew, Mark and Luke.

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This is Year C so we will be hearing a great deal of Luke each Sunday until Advent, when we will shift to Year A when we will hear from Matthew. John's Gospel shows up during the Easter season and is interspersed throughout the seasons and cycles.

Ordinary Time also includes several feast days when we switch the colors to white and bring incense back into the liturgy. The first Sunday after Pentecost is always Trinity Sunday and other holy days are the feast of the Transfiguration, the feast of St. Mary, Holy Cross, All Saints and Christ the King. For the most part, we devote our attention during Ordinary Time to exploring the mystery of Christ in all its aspects and to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life. The combination opens us to affirming what C.S. Lewis once noticed, which is that "there are no *ordinary* people. You have never talked to a mere mortal."

St. Elizabeth Fund Raising - Where Shopping & Giving Unite!!

We now have some additional options for donating to St. Elizabeth while shopping!!

You are now able to link your rewards card/number to St. Elizabeth! Whenever you use your rewards card/number when shopping, you will be helping St. Elizabeth earn a donation. Every little bit helps!!

If you have a rewards card/number, you can sign up on-line with the following organizations through the following links:

Bartells – www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/bcaringcard

Amazon Smiles - smile.amazon.com

Fred Meyers - <https://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards>

Boeing Employee Individual Giving Program – contact your HR or Boeing Total Access

If you need help accessing/signing up on the retail websites, feel free to contact Christine Ramirez or Linda Knutson.

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We are back, and more excited than ever to continue the journey of Faith Formations for the children of St. Elizabeth.

It has been rewarding to teach our children Bible verses and stories about Jesus, the prophets, and the disciples. It is also rewarding to face the challenge of making Sunday school both fun and interesting.

As youth formation teachers, we also want our children to understand the living God and learn the fundamentals of how to walk with him. Beginning in September, our first series will cut to the heart of the issue. We will explore the foremost basics on having that true relationship with Christ- the relationship that we leaders envision for them.

Our children will learn how to speak to God. They will practice hearing God's voice. They will practice putting Jesus on the throne of their lives and not removing him when they want to take charge again. They will begin to understand how the Holy Spirit works and how to yield to its messages.

Children can attend Sunday school for years and still come up with questions like, "How do I pray?" "Why should I pray when God already knows everything?" Our goal is to guide our children on the path to true Christian worship and seeing the evidence of God coming alive in them!

Our series will include:

- Speaking to God
- Hearing God's Voice
- Getting Past Some Reasons We Don't Hear God's Voice
- Following God's Lead
- Loving God and Jesus- Faith in Action
- Activating the Holy Spirit

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Watch our garden grow

Have you noticed the thriving garden of flowers and vegetables in front of the church? These are the fruits of St. Elizabeth's Community Garden, a ministry that invites parishioners, friends, neighbors, and strangers to come together to grow food, flowers, and community.

The St. E garden ministry is guided by Shawn Utley who initiated the project in April of this year. In the tradition of community gardens, Shawn took a plot of under-used land and made it bloom with life. If more gardeners join the effort in the future, food from the garden can help feed those in need of fresh veggies.

St. Elizabeth's garden is one of several Episcopal garden ministries in the area. St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ballard maintains SLUG (St. Luke's Urban Garden), and St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in West Seattle supports a Just Garden, which produces fresh produce for donation to local food banks.

If you would like to help St. Elizabeth's garden grow, contact Shawn Utley for more information. It is a vibrant and visible expression of God's bounty in Burien.

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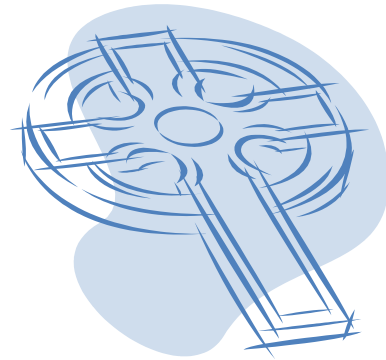
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In addition, we will review and continue lessons on our Episcopal Eucharist; ("What We Do in Church".)

Young children have a religious life. They come to worship already known and loved by God, and already knowing and loving God in return. The worship of children is pleasing to God.

As adults, it is important for us to acknowledge children as spiritual people with whom we might enjoy a conversation, rather than empty vessels to fill with knowledge. The more children understand what is happening in worship, the more engaged they will be in worshiping. Again, our goal as formation leaders for your children is to explore and engage them in the richness and power of Anglican worship.

We have a wonderful team of leaders and assistant leaders for the 2016-2017 Sunday school year.

Team leaders:

Gwynne Taylor	Linda Knutson
Sandy Stonhouse	Barbara Zimmer

Assistant Team Leaders:

Jena Scott	Gazalle Davis	Shawn Utley
Ann Szyperski	Lisa Holmes	Kirk Utley
Jennifer Dare	Bob Knutson	

We are so very appreciative and grateful for these people who have answered God's calling to guide our children in their spiritual walk.

They are an answer to prayer!

Just a reminder... HIGHLINE FOOD BANK CHANGE COLLECTION

Sunday school will be commencing on 11 September and once again we will be collecting change from anyone's pocket from which we hear coins jingling.

Typically, we will be collecting change on the first Sunday of each month, but what with Labor Day being the first weekend, we will slide our collection for September to the second Sunday. So, please empty those loose change vessels and help our neighbors in need.

Exploring St. Elizabeth's...

"The banners designed, pieced and quilted by Bunny Frisvold, with God's help.
Completed August 2001"

When Bunny was asked to replace the banners in the sanctuary she chose patterns that reflected her faith and the faith and traditions of our parish.

The banners are displayed front to back, altar facing(A) congregation facing (B) and starting on the pulpit side with #1.

#1 (A) Carolina Lily and (B) Stained Glass Lily are dedicated to Lilian Diefendorf. At Eastertide the lily is a symbol of Resurrection.

#2 (A) Double Wedding Ring was stitched "in memory of all the marriages that make up the Church family." (B) Double Wedding ring with Blue Birds and Tulips "is a wish for happy, eternal and blessed unions."

#3 (A) A choir of angels "joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven." (B) Jacob's Ladder for the "continual coming and going between heaven and earth."

#4 (A) Joseph's Coat of Many Colors – "Those neat gifts given to our children are real life savers." (B) Road to Damascus – "We either get to see the light or we get knocked off our donkeys for three days until we do."

#5 (A) Bunny dedicated this angel to Meredith Beatty "who has gone on ahead." (B) The praying angel reminds us to "offer our souls, ourselves, our hearts from dawn to dusk."

On the Epistle of Lectern Side

#1 (A) The Phoenix is a symbol for rebirth as we start anew with each new rector and (B) Angel Passing Through – just as people come and go from St. Elizabeth's.

#2 (A) The Tree of Life – Bunny's favorite (if she had to choose) (B) Revelations 22:2 "through the middle of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

#3 (A) Hymn 488 "Be Thou My Vision." (B) Another Jacob's Ladder depicting "God's holy messengers going up and coming down – continually for all of us."

#4 (A) Children of Israel – "We all come to Jesus as little children." (B) The Crown of Thorns – "Raising children in the Christian life today involves painful decisions."

#5 (A) Praying Angel – "We offer our souls, ourselves, our hearts from dawn to dusk (B) Dedicated to "all the whitehaired angels without which no church functions." Amen

Thank you Bunny for your craft and your awesome notebook!

Sue Tierney,

Senior Warden

Sunday coffee hour is being hosted through September by several people who have signed up. The treats served this summer have been delicious and generous, even more than we need. Please sign up for October, helping us to plan ahead. Clean up by others can be accomplished in 15-20 minutes. Thanks to all for showing hospitality to each other and to guests.



Walk for the Women, Saturday, September 17th

Each fall for the past 14 years, people from all walks of life have gathered to raise funds for Hospitality House, "Helping Homeless Women Find Home, Health and Hope." As one of the founding members of Hospitality House, we invite you to put your foot down for the homeless women in South King County and walk the easy, 2-mile route through downtown Burien. Families, kids and well-behaved dogs are welcome! Plus, there are prizes for the top fundraisers, a free gift for all walkers, music and a great intro for the Burien Wellness Fair after the Walk. For more information, pick up a brochure at St. Elizabeth, (in the literature rack just inside the main door), or contact Danielle Butz.

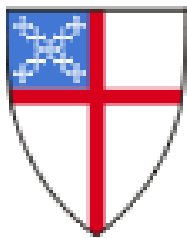


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