



DECEMBER 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Thursday,	December 24, Christmas Eve	Family Mass	4:00 PM
Thursday,	December 24, Christmas Eve	Carols	9:30 PM
Thursday,	December 24, Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass	10:00 PM
Friday,	December 25, Christmas Day	Mass	10:00 AM

ON SUNDAYS OF ADVENT we will begin with our blessing and lighting of the Advent wreath. Please come early for this liturgy.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS - You may remember a loved one in a special way by making a donation in their name for the purchase of a Christmas poinsettia for the altar. The names of those memorialized will be published. Forms are in the back of the church. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS - This weekend there will be a second collection for Retirement for the Religious.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY. Please get your pictures in as soon as possible for the parish directory. Photos are taken after any mass. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@StElizabethPortland.net, or 503-244-3555).

ANGEL TREE. Please remember to bring the gifts for the child you sponsor to St. Elizabeth **BEFORE** Dec. 16. They will be delivered to the children's homes on Dec. 19.

ST. ELIZABETH CHOIR - Remaining rehearsals for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be held from 7:00 PM to 8:25 PM on Tuesday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 22.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please record your name on a blank line and take the corresponding packet.

THANK YOU TO THE WARE FAMILIES for once again providing and hanging the Advent wreath in honor of their mother, Jean, who decorated the church for many years.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Dec. 22 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake, 8th and A Ave., Lake Oswego.

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED to make an ornament to bring to the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4:00 PM where they may participate in our nine-year old tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree at the Offertory.

ALL CHILDREN are welcome to join the First Communion Class in bringing food for the poor to the altar at the Offertory.

When Luke writes his gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history, but what interests him most is the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning. They are a challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency; we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in the circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity.

We join those innumerable people who open their lives to the unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting." Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the one whom we await: Jesus Christ who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *3rd Sunday of Advent* Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Isaiah 12:2-6/ Philipians 4:4-7/
Luke 3:10-18

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/ Psalm 34/ Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/ Psalm 85/ Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:17

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Psalm 71/ Luke 1:5-25

Next Sunday: *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 80/ Hebrews 10:5-10/
Luke 1:39-45

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,500.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$606.01 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 AM: David and Agnes Craford

11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.



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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.

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., Administrator

Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS

Luke 3:10-18

In today's Gospel different groups of people ask John the Baptist what they should do to be ready for the coming of Jesus. Each group asked the same question: "What must we do?"

John told them that they should share with those who have less, and should be kind and fair to others.

Do you have a program in your parish or community that gives gifts to people who don't have much? How can your family help? What other programs in your parish help the needy? How can you offer your time and talent to those organizations? What gifts has God given you that you can share with others?