



**DECEMBER 19, 2010
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

○ Come, ○ Come, Emmanuel!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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

RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS - Women and men religious throughout the country offer heartfelt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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 ten-year old tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree at the Offertory.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Tues., Dec. 21, at 7:00 PM.
at Our Lady of the Lake, 8th and "A" Ave., Lake Oswego.

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.



2011 ST. ELIZABETH CALENDARS are available in the gathering space.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Barbara and Tim Taylor 11:00 AM: Jean and Bill Horton
If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

In the history of Israel, the exodus event shaped the story of creation. In the formation of the gospels, the memory of Christ's death and rising shaped the accounts of his birth and infancy. Much more than stories about a precocious child with remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives are clear expressions of the early Church's belief that, from the first moment of Jesus' conception, God was at work in him.

In relating the annunciation to Joseph, Matthew does not intend to consider the psychological reactions of his character. He simply wishes to answer the question, "Who is the Messiah?" For Matthew, Jesus, "who will save his people from their sins," is the ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph who introduces him into the royal line of David.

Informed from the beginning about the impending birth, Joseph believed at first that he must remove himself from this mystery in which he thought he would have no role to play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child whom Mary carried "comes from the Holy Spirit." But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus' legal status by accepting him as his own son and giving him his name. It is necessary that through Joseph the house of David recognize in this son "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14).

We readily designate birth "a joyous event." What should be said about the waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a humble but indispensable role? The question here is not the history of one family among others, but the history of "God-with-us," the history of salvation.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Romans 1:1-7/
Matthew 1:18-24

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Psalm 33/ Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8/ Luke 1:46-56

Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Psalm 25/ Luke 1:57-66

Friday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 9:1-6/ Psalm 96/ Titus 2:11-14/ Luke 2:1-14

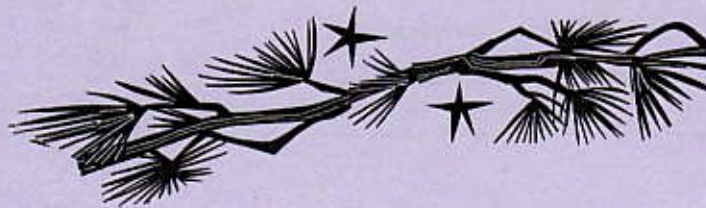
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 62:11-12/ Psalm 89/ Titus 3:4-7/ Luke 2:15-20

Next Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sirach 3:2-7,12-14/ Psalm 128/
Colossians 3:12-21/ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 5: \$3,608.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$538.00 (Correction)

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 12: \$5,002.40

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS: \$2,487.00 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

Matthew 1:18-24

In the Gospel we read Matthew's dramatic account of the virginal conception of Jesus. Joseph is trapped in an unthinkable scenario: the young woman to whom he is betrothed is found pregnant. Joseph must decide to either expose Mary or "divorce her quietly." He chooses to spare Mary and her kin from public shame. But Joseph then receives a sign from God. An angel comes in a dream to reassure him that the child is holy and that he should take Mary and the child into his protection. Joseph accepts this sign from God and acts upon it.

