



December 26, 2010

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Much thanks to all who made Christmas 2010 such a memorable celebration of Our Lord's birth. It is wonderful to witness the community involvement here at St. Elizabeth's, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Our Reader's, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Decorators, Servers and all who give of their time are much appreciated.

I have not yet had the opportunity to open all the gifts under my tree, but I thank all for your thoughtfulness.

May God's blessings be with you in the new year.

Fr. Jim

NEW YEAR'S DAY/SOLEMNNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass will be celebrated at **12:00 noon only** on New Year's Day. Mass will be at 4:00 PM on New Year's Eve.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish food bank to help feed the hungry.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, children who were not able to participate in our nine-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree on Christmas may do so just as the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

ANGEL TREE - Thank you to Gina Bainbridge, Vance Taylor, Ginny Caudill, and all the elves who helped sort and deliver the gifts. Also, thank you to all who helped make Christmas a little merrier by buying the gifts for the children.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Jack and Ronnie Smith

11:00 AM: Jim and Karyl Frazer

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



"Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus." We must see all our activities as linked with God's work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God's presence in even the most "secular" places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be in care for an aging parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The particular historical applications remind us that the ideals need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and submissive wives remind us of a waning era, we are challenged to see what a happy come can be for us. How will our relationships evolve if we do all in the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year open up for us a variety of episodes in Jesus' early life. His happy home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God's will, they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A). Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of Israel. Even here, Simeon's words show the swords of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to hear God's Word must encounter the challenges of his life (year B). Jesus' later visit to the temple presages his destiny and the tension this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own history, we must do all in the name of this present One.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 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

Monday: John, Apostle, Evangelist 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/ John 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 John 1:5-2:2/ Psalm 124/ Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday: The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:3-11/ Psalm 96/
Luke 2:22-35

Thursday: The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:12-17/ Psalm 96/
Luke 2:36-40

Friday: The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/
John 1:1-18

Saturday: The Octave of Christmas: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,380.45 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

THE HOLY FAMILY

Among the many insights that Matthew provides about the Holy Family in his account of the Gospel is that their family life was filled with tensions and unexpected turns. In this way, the Holy Family provides for us role models of faith in the face of familial troubles. No parents raising children – the Holy Family included – are free from struggle and pain. But all parents who raise their children in faith and trust in the Lord have built a home with a strong foundation.

How does your family deal with tensions and unexpected turns?
What light do today's readings provide?

What are the rewards and challenges of honoring, revering, and caring for your parents?

