



January 2, 2011

**EPIPHANY**

**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*

#### **NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2011 - January 2-11**

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Amen.

**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.

**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.

*Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary,*

*Thank you for generously hosting our Traveling Crib again. We are overwhelmed with all of the wonderful donations from you, inspired and encouraged, reminded again what a privilege it is to work in partnership with kind supporters like you all! We couldn't do our work without you.*

*Peace and blessings,*

*Robin Neal and Program Staff*

*Catholic Charities*

*Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services*

#### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 PM Kathy and Augie Gatto

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly      11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." At this news King Herod became greatly disturbed, and with him all Jerusalem. Summoning all of the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written:

'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
Are by no means least among the princes of Judah,  
since from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them: "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have discovered something, report your findings to me so that I may go and offer him homage too."

After their audience with the king, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

They received a message in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

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## LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6/Psalm 2/Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/Psalm 72/Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/Psalm 72/Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4/Psalm 72/Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/Psalm 147/Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/Psalm 149/John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: *The Baptism of the Lord* Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/Psalm 29/Acts 10:34-38/  
Matthew 3:13-17

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**COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS:** \$6,175.81

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,691.30 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.

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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

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## EPIPHANY

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, "epiphany," Of God to the whole world.

The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body.

Enjoying the memories and mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important than any technical debate about the translation of "magi" (Greek). They have been called kings, se men, or astrologers. In any event they signal a day to celebrate God's manifestation in Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ's identity and our response in faith. Because the revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as "outsiders" as if we were not co-heirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?