



By day and by night,
and through every season,
you watch over us, Lord.

We praise you for this Advent wreath.
It is the evergreen crown
of your royal people,
and it shines with the promise
of eternal victory.

By the light of this wreath
We shall wait in patience
for your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who comforts our fears
and brings hope to the world.

All glory be yours
now and forever. Amen.

November 28, 2010

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Helpers are needed on Friday, December 3 at about 9:00-9:30 a.m. to move and set up tables. We will then need people to decorate and set the tables. At 5:15 p.m. kitchen workers will receive and organize food. As always, we will require a clean-up crew. Please sign up in the back of the church if you can help. Also, please sign up if you would like to bring a main dish, salad, or finger-food dessert for the potluck dinner. It really helps to let us know many are coming and what you are bringing.



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.

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.

ADVENT EMBER DAY - The Advent Ember Day is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1. An Ember Day is one set aside for voluntary prayer and fasting. In the Archdiocese of Portland, Ember Days are held in the seasons of Advent and Lent and in the month of September. Archbishop John G. Vlazny reinstated Ember days in the Archdiocese in 2002 as days of prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

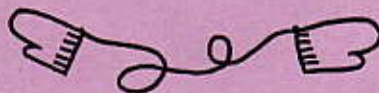
ANGEL TREE - Gift tags will be available next weekend, December 4th and 5th. Through the Angel Tree program you may sponsor a child by giving the child a gift on behalf of an incarcerated parent serving time in an Oregon prison. Help is needed on December 17 to organize the gifts and on December 18 to deliver them. If you would like to help, please sign up in the back of the church or call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196

THE TRAVELING CRIB, sponsored by **Catholic Charities**, will be here at St. Elizabeth through November 30. Thank you to all who have donated so many beautiful baby clothes, diapers, bassinets, blankets and other baby items to be given to mothers in need.

IF YOU HAVE BORROWED A PYX to take the Eucharist to someone who is ill, please return it as soon as possible. We encourage parishioners to take Holy Communion to the homebound, but we ask that you return the pyx soon after doing so in order that others will have one available to them.

READERS - Your workbooks are available in the chapel. Please pick up and sign for your copy.

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL will give a Placement Exam for eighth grade students on Friday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:00) and Saturday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m. (Doors open at 8:00). There is a \$20.00 fee for the test. Taking the test does not obligate students to enroll, however, this is a requirement for all entering freshmen. Students can register on-line at www.jesuitportland.org or at the door on the test date.



I observe, that when we pray for the coming of Christ, we do but pray in the Church's words, that He would "accomplish the number of His elect and would hasten His kingdom." That is, we do not pray that He would simply cut short the world, but, so to express myself, that He would make time go quicker, and the wheels of His chariot speed on. Before He comes, a certain space must be gone over; all the Saints must be gathered in; and each Saint must be matured. Not a grain must fall to the ground; not an ear of corn must lose its due rain and sunshine. All we pray is, that He would please to crowd all this into a short space of time; that He would "finish the work and cut it short in righteousness," and "make a short work upon the earth;" that He would accomplish, --not curtail, but fulfill, --the circle of His Saints, and hasten the age to come without disordering this. Indeed it cannot be otherwise. All God's works are in place and season; they are all complete.

(John Henry Newman, Sermon 4, *Parochial and Plain Sermons*, vol. 5, Christian Classics, 1962, pp. 50-51)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Romans 13:11-14/
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6/Psalm 122/Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Romans 10:9-18/Psalm 19/Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/Psalm 23/Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6/Psalm 118/Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24/Psalm 27/Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26/Psalm 147/Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalm 72/
Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$8,140.00

CATHOLIC CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$1,743.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM: Julie Zervis

9:00 AM: Karl and Barb Wetzal

11:00 AM Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

"Advent is brief period of time which prepares Christians for the celebration of Christmas. Let us listen to Paul's warning, "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near."

Indeed, since the resurrection of Jesus, the life of people and society has made an irresistible change of course which rushes them toward their final end and judgment. We must decide for humanity and use all our energy to discover our future with God. The gospel of this Sunday puts us on the watch. It insists that we not be in a state of unreadiness and carelessness, that we not have a false sense of security in regard to the unforeseeable coming of the Son of Man. In the days of Noah, the people were over-confident in themselves and continued with the business at hand. Then, suddenly, came the disaster: they were taken by surprise in their sleep, unconcerned with what was essential.

The image of the Lord coming as a thief in the night expresses the necessity of constant vigilance. "Here I stand, knocking at the door." (Revelation 3:20). In every age of history the Church is in danger of failing to hear him who knocks at the door. He is there to awaken Christians to the call of the Spirit.

Today, more than ever, the Church and all Christians must play the prophetic role of confronting a sleeping world which risks losing its soul. We should live so as not to be surprised by the judgment at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.