



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 11, 2011**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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

### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:**

The choir, the coordinators, readers, those who set up and decorated, helped in the kitchen, cleaned up, and all who brought the wonderful food to the potluck.

**ANGEL TREE** If you took an Angel Tree tag, please bring your **wrapped gift with the tag attached to St. Elizabeth no later than Wednesday, December 14.** If you have questions, please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196.

**THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS** collection will be taken up this weekend.

**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.

**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 eleven-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas tree at the offertory.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES** - There are many opportunities for people to go to Confession. Multiple confessors are available.

Tues., Dec. 13	7:00 PM	St. Cyril's	910 SW 5th St., Wilsonville
Thur., Dec. 15	7:00 PM	St. Clare's	8535 SW 19th Avenue, Portland
Mon., Dec. 19	7:00 PM	St. Francis	15651 SW Oregon St., Sherwood
Tues., Dec. 20	7:00 PM	Our Lady of the Lake	8th and A Ave., Lake Oswego
Tues., Dec. 20	7:00 PM	St. Anthony	9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard

*To St. Elizabeth Parish,*

*Thank you on behalf of the entire community at Downtown Chapel for your donation of over 400 pairs of socks. Such generosity allows us to meet the daily needs of our community members. Footcare is very important for many of our guests, especially those who live outside and those who live with diabetes. A simple fresh pair of socks means so much. May you all have a blessed Christmas!*

*Eddie Guilbeau*

*On behalf of Downtown Chapel*

We can understand why a commission of inquiry was sent to the Baptist. Some Jerusalem theologians expected a Messiah who would confer a baptism through which the Spirit would be poured out. Here is John, north of the Dead Sea, near the spot where Israel once crossed the Jordan to enter the Promised Land. He is conferring a water baptism, which signifies an acceptance of the call to repentance. Who then is this man who has the crowds running to him and who makes the great cry of the prophets ring out once more after three centuries of silence?

John's reply to the commission is surprising in its humility. No, he is not the Messiah. He is not Elijah returned (Malachi 3:23-24) nor the great prophet that is awaited (Deuteronomy 19:18). This wholly negative statement of his identity must have left the inquirers dissatisfied. It is preserved in the New Testament because some of his followers preached a baptism which competed with that of the primitive Church. He declared himself to be only the precursor, a simple witness, a lamp lit by God for his Christ, the voice of the Word.

We must also recognize our role as "Christ-bearers," called to refer by our very lives to Jesus. This humble and self-effacing role is in no way a negligible one. It is no small thing to ask us to prepare others' road to the Lord.

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### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11/ (Ps) Luke 1:46-50,53-54/  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/ John 1:6-8,19-28

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/  
(Psalm) Judith 13:18bcde,19/ Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

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

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross. Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25/ Psalm 85/ Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10/ Psalm 30/ Luke 7:24-30/ John 5:33-36

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8/ Psalm 67/ John 5:33-36

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

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent. 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/ Psalm 89/  
Romans 16:25-27/ Luke 1:26-38

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**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,278.70 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$776.00 Thank you.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

9:00 AM: Vince and Bev Deguc

11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

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.

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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., Pastor

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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## **Family Faith Sharing Questions**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The third Sunday of Advent is known as the Sunday of Joy, or Gaudete Sunday. (You will notice that the priest will wear rose-colored vestments to symbolize that the waiting is half way over). Today's reading, from John's Gospel, again tells us about John the Baptist, who tried to help people prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

*John reminds us that Jesus was sent to change our lives. How can we as a family change our lives so that we can be renewed with the presence of the Spirit?*

*One of the problems that we all have, especially during this holiday season, is that we get so busy that we hardly think about what we are actually celebrating. Brainstorm some things you can do as a family that will help you keep more focused on Jesus this Advent season ... things you can do both by yourself and some you can do with your family.*

*This week is filled with celebrations – take time to learn about some of the saints that are celebrated during this week, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Lucy, and Saint John of the Cross.*