



**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 18, 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



**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.



**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.

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

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

### **AN EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING INVITATION FROM ADIDAS- 50% OFF**

St. Elizabeth's members are invited to enjoy 50% off at the adidas Village Store, 5055 N. Greely Ave., Portland, OR 97217 from December 12th through January 1st, 2012. Hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Shopping passes, which are required, are available in the back of the church.

It seems to surprise Christians that God's fleshtaking in Christ should have to come to pass in such simplicity and quiet. We are still tempted to read the gospel accounts for concrete details which will reveal spectacular manifestations of divine power in a life of a homespun maiden of Israel. If the story does reveal anything of the extraordinary, it is because it lies in the tradition of other stories from Israel's history, stories which recount the birth of great heroes of the people.

Mary's "yes" is the hinge of human-divine history. The God who created all makes the fulfillment of his promise dependent upon one of the most dispossessed and powerless of his children. The fact that God so ordains the working out of his plan shows the powerlessness of our might and the relentlessness of his surprising love. As we rush about making wars or dazzling loved ones with the brightness and size of our gifts, it serves us well to pause in silence and to let our imaginations enter into the humble setting of hearth and heart where God's almighty Word waited upon the "yes" of a woman.

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### LITURGICAL READINGS

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

Monday: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a/ Psalm 71/ Luke 1:5-25

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

Wednesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Psalm 33/ Luke 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28/ (Ps)1 Samuel 2:1,4-7,8abcd/ Luke 1:46-56

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

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

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

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**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,321.39

**RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS:** \$2,471.62 Thank you.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

9:00 AM: Jack and Ronnie Smith

11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White

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

Luke 1:26-38

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear a reading from the Gospel of Luke. Here Luke tells us how Mary became pregnant with Jesus. Mary is overcome by the grace of God and allows herself to become the human mother of Jesus. The coming of God into human form brings two gifts: the forgiveness of sins and an intimate relationship with God.

*What are some of the ways that God asks you to help "bring" Jesus to others?*

*What gift of yourself will you give to others this Christmas?*

*Mary listened intently to the message of God and acted on it.*

*What message have you chosen to listen to? How have you acted on that message?*

