



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

This Christmas once again was a sign of the good will and generosity of the people of St. Elizabeth's toward me and the Parish.

The visions of sugar plums were totally fulfilled. It's so nice to have an abundance of sugar plums! Thanks for all your Christmas generosity.

Fr. Jim

MISSING PYXES - If you have taken to take Holy Communion to someone, please check to make sure you have returned the pyx. We are missing several, and they are needed by the Hospital Eucharistic Ministers.

HOSPITAL MINISTERS - Please call the parish office if you would like to help as a volunteer Hospital Minister at OHSU. This ministry is so much so much appreciated by the Catholic patients, and a real blessing to the volunteers. There is also a need for Hospital Ministers at the VA Hospital.. Perhaps if you are a veteran, this could be a ministry you would find particularly meaningful.

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.

RETREAT FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF AGING RELATIVES - University of Portland is hosting "Compassion in Action," a two-day retreat for those who have become primary caregivers for aging relatives, on Jan. 27-28, 2012 The retreat will take place at the Griffin Center (11957 SE Fuller Rd., Milwaukie, OR and costs \$35 per person for meals, lodging, and retreat materials. Reservations are due by Monday, Jan. 16 and can be made by email at alumni@up.edu or by phone at 503-943-7328. This overnight retreat is limited to 24 participants. Scholarships may be available - please inquire when making reservations. See bulletin board for details.

2012 RALLY FOR LIFE AND MEMORIAL WALK - On Sunday, January 22, from 2:30 to 3:30 at Pioneer Courthouse Square, the lives of 54 million children lost to abortion will be remembered. Our nation and its leaders will be called upon to give unborn children the protection they deserve.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob and Kathleen Carney on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on December 29. The Carneys celebrated their anniversary with a mass here at St. Elizabeth's on December 17. May you have many more years of happiness together.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - The week of January 9-14 parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. All are invited to pray for a strengthening of all vocations, priests, deacons, brothers, religious sisters, married couples, and single persons.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL will be holding their annual Open House Thursday, January 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Families are invited to come meet their staff and learn about their school. Children are welcome!

Peace is not just the absence of strife but the presence of compassion and forgiveness. Peace is not fearful passivity but loving perseverance to reconcile and heal. Peace is not enforced by one's power but celebrated in mutual respect and generosity. Peace is not the province of the powerful but the responsibility of all "men and women of good will." Peace exalts humility, poverty, simplicity, service. The economy of peace is built on justice for all and the dignity of the most vulnerable.

Happy New Year!

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: The Octave Day of the Solemnity of the Lord/Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21
Monday: 1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus. 1 John 2:29 through 3:6/ Psalm 98/ John 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10/ Psalm 98/ John 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21/ Psalm 100/ John 1:43-51
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/ Psalm 147/ Mark 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/ Psalm 149/ John 2:1-11
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6/ Matthew 2:1-12

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM: Kathy and Augie Gatto

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly

11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$7,287.82 Thank you for your generosity.



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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., 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

Family Faith Sharing Questions

Luke 2:16-21

At the instruction of the angels, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Mary, Joseph, and the infant. After their visit, they made known the message they were given about the child, and all that heard were amazed. When the child was eight days old, he was named Jesus, just as the angel had instructed.

Imagine an angel talking to you! How do you think you would react?

If you knew what the shepherds knew about the infant, how would you spread the news?

If angels told you to do something that seemed a bit unusual, how would you react?

An angel told Mary to name her child Jesus. How did your parents decide what to name you?