



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 16, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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

Please post on your refrigerator or bulletin board!

The St. Nicholas Celebration was wonderful because you all made it such. It was a community celebration leading us into Advent.

Thanks much,

Fr. Jim

PLEASE COME EARLY ON THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, so we can begin Mass on time.

ANGEL TREE If you have taken a gift tag, please **return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to St. Elizabeth no later than Sunday, December 16th.** If you have questions, or can help with sorting gifts or delivering them on December 22nd, please call Gina Bainbridge @ 503-244-5196.

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 GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN who are participating in the music at the 4:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve will meet at the "Little House" at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 16 and Sunday, December 23 for practice.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Tuesday	December 18	Our Lady of the Lake	790 A Ave., Lake Oswego	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	December 19	St. Philip Neri	2408 SE 16 th Avenue	7:00 P.M.

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.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,907.87 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** \$149.74
RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS: \$2,554.50 Thank you.

When Luke writes his gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history, but what interests him most is the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning. They are a challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency; we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in the circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity.

We join those innumerable people who open their lives to the unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting." Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the one whom we await: Jesus Christ, who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Third Sunday of Advent.</i> Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Isaiah 12:2-6/ Philippians 4:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18
Monday:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Psalm 71/ Luke 1:5-25
Thursday:	Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Psalm 33/ Luke 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd Luke 1:46-56
Next Sunday:	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent.</i> Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 80/ Hebrews 10:5-10/ Luke 1:39-45

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 4:00 PM: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 AM: Gina Bainbridge

11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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

JOIN THE TROUBLE WITH TREBLES as they present: *We Need a Little Christmas*. Trouble with Trebles is a double-trio women's singing ensemble under the leadership of Emily Higgins, a long time parishioner of St. Elizabeth's. They will be performing a festive program featuring your favorite holiday music! No tickets are required, but donations are greatly appreciated. A free-will offering will be collected during the intermission. Beverages will be provided after the performance.

Friday, December 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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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

REFLECTION

We are a people filled with expectation, and our culture is replete with spirited expressions of this. John the Baptist is a prophetic figure today because he challenges us to reorient our inherent desire for something that excites our spirit to the true source of our being, Jesus Christ. The Christian life is, indeed one of enthusiasm, literally, being filled and inspired by God. What animates our spirit to the fullest is living in the divine relationship extended to us in Jesus Christ. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice in the presence of God filling our lives.

