



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.

December 2, 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is Saturday, December 8. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.

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

11TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Celebrating Advent,
Lessons and Carols,
The Appearance of St. Nicholas,
Culminating with a Fabulous Potluck Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 6:00 PM

Elves are needed for set-up and kitchen duties.
Please sign up in the back of the church to help
and/or bring food to the potluck.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS – A parishioner writes, “As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful.” Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week’s collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*.

ANGEL TREE TAGS will be available next weekend, December 7th and 8th. Please do not take a tag until you have signed in with an Angel Tree elf (Vance Taylor or helper). Gifts must be returned to St. Elizabeth by December 16th. We need drivers for December 22nd. If you can help driving or in any other way, such as sorting gifts, please call Gina Bainbridge @ 503-244-5196.

Advent opens with the proclamation of its perennial promise: the Lord will come. We enter into the season of paradox, when we celebrate the long vigil we are keeping in preparation for the one who has already come.

The first Christian community lived the tension between the two comings of the Lord: that of his earthly ministry and that of his return at the end of time. In preparation for this Parousia of the Son of Man, which they believed to be imminent, they felt a necessity to establish themselves firmly in a holiness beyond approach. But the Christians whom Luke addresses begin to witness the growth of a awareness. Although Jesus is always present in the community and he comes for each person at the moment of death, the final coming is not yet. The wait is longer than anticipated.

Therefore the attitude demanded of the faithful is one of permanent vigilance: to be ready for anything, to refuse the evil committed in darkness, to stay awake through unceasing prayer. Just as the Eucharist has as its goal to proclaim the death of the Lord "until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26), so also do vigilance and prayer open us to the coming of the reign of God. They call us to stand up and raise our heads by giving us the task of putting a name on human expectation.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Advent. Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Psalm 25/
1 Thessalonians 3:12 through 4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: St. Francis Xavier. Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24

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

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

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

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 98/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent. Baruch 5:1-9/ Psalm 126/ Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11/
Luke 3:1-6

READERS – Your new workbooks are available in the chapel. Please sign when you take yours.

COLLECTION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY: \$408.00 **CCHD:** \$667.00

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,526.33 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Elizabeth and David Barberis

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connelly 11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

1st through 6th Grade Children who are interested in participating in the music at the 4:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve are asked to call Laurel Freeborg at 503-287-5376 as soon as possible.

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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

We anticipate
what is not yet
and practice now
your future
we say and sing
that all you have made
your creation is good
laboriously
so very slowly
we work out your promise
in hope and fear
and strive to build
a city of peace
a new creation
where you will be
our light, our all.

Give us strength, O God,
to persevere
and bring us to
a happy end.



(Huub Oosterhuis, Your Word is Near, Paulist, 1968, p. 152)