



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 23, 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!

**NEW YEAR'S/SOLEMNNITY OF MARY** – On December 31, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM and at 12:00 Noon on January 1.

**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 twelve-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas tree at the Offertory.



**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 23 for practice.

**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.

**CATHOLIC SENTINEL** – Please take home a copy of the Catholic Sentinel, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland. The publication features a regular column written by Archbishop John G. Vlazny, as well as informative news stories, lively photos, and advertising that guides you to trustworthy businesses. You can also find breaking news online at [catholic sentinel.org](http://catholic sentinel.org).

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** – Rosary and Mass for the Little Saints

Friday, December 28, 6:30 p.m. – Rosary, 7:00 p.m. – Mass  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 3145 SW 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Aloha, OR  
A reception with refreshments will follow.

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$5,042.65  
**RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS:** \$1,310.00 Thank you.

In the faith which is "God's marriage to the soul, you are one in God, and God is wholly in you,  
just as, for you, He is wholly in all you meet.  
With this faith, in prayer you descend into yourself to meet the Other, in the steadfastness and light of this union,  
see that all things stand, like yourself, alone before God,  
and that each of your acts is an act of creation, conscious, because you are a human being with human responsibilities, but governed, nevertheless, by the power beyond human consciousness which has created man.  
You are liberated from things, but you encounter in them an experience which has the purity and clarity of revelation.  
In the faith which is "God's marriage to the soul," everything, therefore, has a meaning.  
So live, then, that you may use what has been put into your hand . . .

(Dag Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, Knopf, 1968, p. 165)

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 80/ Hebrews 10:5-10/  
Luke 1:39-45

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

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

Wednesday: St. Stephen, Martyr. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday: St. John, Apostle, Evangelist. 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/ John 20:2-8

Friday: The Holy Innocents. 1 John 1:5--2:2 / Psalm 124/ Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 1 John 2:3-11/ Psalm 96/  
Luke 2:22-35

Next Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28/  
Psalm 84/ 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24/ Luke 2:41-52

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Barry & Melissa Taylor

11:00 AM: Peggy and Karl Smith

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

Here is an event which is touching but ordinary: two pregnant women meet. Yet the children born by these two women will play an extraordinary part in the unfolding of God's plan. In Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, life hastens to meet human hope. Mary's son, the one "whose origin is from of old, from ancient times," incarnates in humanity invisible divinity. Elizabeth's child will bring Israel's waiting to its highest intensity.

"Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled!" In Elizabeth's cry, we catch an allusion to the annunciation through which Mary, overshadowed by the Spirit, became the Mother of God. The visitation completes and confirms the angel's message. It bears witness to the dynamism of the Spirit who progressively permeates the protagonists of the infancy narrative. Mary undertakes with fervor the first apostolic journey in order to share her joy with her cousin. Elizabeth humbles herself before her visitor and blesses her among all women. John already leaps for joy, thus inaugurating his role as precursor. These many humble signs reveal that, from conception of Jesus, the river of life flows out to water the whole earth.

The same gospel event is relived whenever Christians proclaim to each other in simplicity of heart God's presence in their lives, and whenever they celebrate in thanksgiving the wonders that the Lord has done for them.