



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2014

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, "epiphany," of God to the whole world.

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 did not use envelopes last year and would like to this year, please record your name on a blank line marked "OPEN" and take the corresponding packet. Thank you.

A Gift - Adults Growing in Faith Together
Presented by Our Lady of the Lake Parish

For further information, please contact Irene Boone at 503-636-3125 or boone5121@comcast.net or Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915. The Returning Catholic Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake Church invites inactive and semi-active Catholics to come together to discuss their faith. The Awakening Faith program is structured to invite conversation and bonding between people. The resulting bonds help them see their connection to their Catholic faith and inspire them to learn and grow in their faith. Dynamics of sharing and conversation in an open and confidential way, with strong welcome and hospitality, reinforce the sense of connection . . .and re-connection.

"Awakening Faith" sessions begin on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and run through Wednesday, March 13, 2014. There are four additional weeks that are optional and may be added. Sessions will be held in the Parish Center Cana Room from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center is located at 650 "A" Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

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| Session 1 | Spirituality: What's the Buzz? |
| Session 2 | Who is Jesus? |
| Session 3 | Do We Need the Spirit? |
| Session 4 | Can I Accept God's Mercy? |
| Session 5 | Can Mass Make my Life Meaningful? |
| Session 6: | The Church and Me |

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 AM: Kerry, Ann & Jonathan Heisler

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

For the Greek word *Epiphania* we say *Manifestatio* in Latin. On this day, then, the “manifested” Redeemer of all nations has made a solemn feast for all nations. And so we are celebrating today the Manifestation of Him whose Nativity we celebrated only a few days ago.

Now tradition has it that our Lord Jesus Christ, born twelve days ago, was adored by the Magi on this day. That they adored Him is a truth spoken by the Gospel; on what day they did so, is proclaimed by the fact that this glorious feast is observed everywhere. For, inasmuch as the Magi were the first among the Gentiles to learn of Christ the Lord; and because they, not yet benefiting from His speech, followed the star which appeared to them and which, in place of the Infant Word, spoke to their sight—like a tongue of heaven: it is but right, and right it truly is, that the Gentiles should gratefully acknowledge the day of the first fruits of their salvation, and with thanksgiving and solemn homage dedicate it to Christ the Lord.

Obviously, the first fruits of the faith and revelation of Christ among the Jews were the shepherds who, coming from the immediate vicinity, saw Him on the very day He was born. The news was given to them by the angels, to the others by the star. *Glory to God* in the highest was said to them; in the others there was fulfilled, *The heavens tell of the glory of God*. Indeed, like the beginnings of two walls coming from different directions—the circumcised and the uncircumcised—both have met at the Cornerstone, so that He might be their *Peace*, making both one.

(Augustine, Sermon 203, *Ancient Christian Writers*, vol. 15, Paulist, 1952, 1980, pp. 174-175)

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Epiphany of the Lord*. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday: *St. Andre Bessette, religious*. 1 John 3:22 through 4:6/ Psalm 2/
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/ Psalm 72/ Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/ Psalm 72/ Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 John 4:19 through 5:4/ Psalm 72/ Luke 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/ Psalm 147/ Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/ Psalm 149/ John 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: *The Baptism of the Lord*. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/
Matthew 3:13-17

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,887.00 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.

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

What could be more exotic than these magi, these wise men from the East? The Gospel account doesn't tell us much about who the magi were, but it tells us something very significant about who the magi were not: they were not Jews. This "newborn king of the Jews" has come to reign not only over the chosen people, but over all people. His Kingdom will reach beyond the borders of Jerusalem to embrace the whole earth.