



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



Thank you to EVERYBODY who participated in any way in the celebration of Christmas. It was my best Christmas ever! The liturgists and choir were wonderful and the decorators did a marvelous job. Thanks to your cooperation, we had a great balance on Christmas Eve between the two masses so that everyone was able to see and hear well.

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.

*May God's blessings be with you in the New Year,
Fr. Jim*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF 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 line marked "Open" and take the corresponding packet. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO THE ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL CALENDARS, which you will also find in the back of the Church.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Gina Bainbridge and Sharon Hunt

11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS: \$7,552.00

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,441.00

RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS TO DATE: \$2,541.80

Thank you for your

generosity.

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: *Saint John Neumann, Bishop.(USA).* 1 John 3:22 through 4:6/ Psalm 2/
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: *Saint Andre Bessette, religious.* 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 4:4-22a
- 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 55:1-11/
(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ 1 John 5:1-9/ Mark 1:7-11



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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

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!