



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.

November 30, 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

13TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM
Lessons and Carols
Potluck Dinner
Appearance by St. Nicholas

Please sign up at the back of the church if you will bring food to the potluck; will help with set-up, decorating, serving or clean-up.

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

READERS – Your new workbooks are available in the chapel. Please sign for and take your copy.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and overall economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).

ANGEL TREE – We will again be participating in the Angel Tree program this Christmas season. Angel Tree is a program established by Prison Fellowship to reach prisoner's children who hope for a Christmas filled with joy. Many children feel abandoned and confused by their parent's incarceration. They hope that their parent in prison remembers them. You can help by donating a gift in the name of the incarcerated parent. Gift tags will be available on Dec. 6th and 7th. Gifts are to be wrapped and returned to St. Elizabeth's by December 14th. We are still in need of helpers for driving and delivering gifts to the children. If you can help, please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB. Thank you to all who have filled the crib once again with so many useful and lovely items for the benefit of single mothers and their babies. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down . . . "Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry rises to God, borne up by the certainty of a kingdom already among us, but not yet completed. For our God is a God who comes: "He who was, and who is, and who is to come!" (Revelation 4:8).

Once again, we must situate ourselves properly before this mystery which draws near. It would be useless to speculate about the moment of the final manifestation of the Lord. That is an old temptation to which troubled societies regularly succumb. Even today many sects set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not the date of the Parousia but its character which must concern us. It will pronounce judgment on all of history and on our personal lives. In the face of this coming of the Son of Man which no one can foresee or prevent, in the face of this long vigil through the night of this world, it is best to remain always on the alert, to be aware of our responsibility toward the present, and to recognize the eternal significance of every moment.

Paul calls the vigilant Christian to give thanks without ceasing. Thanksgiving is not an expression of smug complacency. With this awareness of what we are not yet and do not yet do, we turn toward the One who is the beginning and the end of all things. We renounce what delays and announce what hastens his coming. Then, like a thorn in the world's flesh, we become a goad to the world's vigilance, triumphing over sleep and stirring up hope. "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>First Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 63:16-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Psalm 80/ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Mark 13:33-37
Monday:	Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	<u>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest.</u> Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalm 118/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalm 27/ Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	<u>Saint Nicholas, Bishop.</u> Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 9:35 through 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	<u>Second Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 85/ 2 Peter 3:8-14/ Mark 1:1-8

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Angelica and Shawn Duffy

9:00 AM: Joey and Joey Verlanic

11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$10,442.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$2,327.00 Thank you for your generosity!

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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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Family Mass	4:00 PM
Wednesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Carols	9:30 PM
Wednesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass	10:00 PM
Thursday	December 25, Christmas Day	Mass	10:00 AM

Please post on your refrigerator or bulletin board!

