



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN - Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Good News through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese, so please be generous in this Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around *to you*.

HOSPITAL MINISTERS - Please call the parish office if you would like to help as a volunteer Hospital Minister at OHSU. This ministry is so much so much appreciated by the Catholic patients, and a real blessing to the volunteers. There is also a need for Hospital Ministers at the VA Hospital. Perhaps if you are a veteran, this could be a ministry you would find particularly meaningful.

MISSING PYXES - If you have taken to take Holy Communion to someone, please check to make sure you have returned the pyx. We are missing several, and they are needed by the Hospital Eucharistic Ministers.

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 CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES is seeking loving families who are interested in learning more about our Open Adoption Program. Interested families are invited to attend an Adoption Orientation Weekend beginning Friday, Feb. 10, with an evening class from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The orientation continues on Saturday, Feb. 11, with a session from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All classes take place at Catholic Charities Clark Family Center, located at 2740 SE Powell Blvd. in Portland. The orientation cost if \$500 and includes lunch on Saturday. Topics include Mission, Oregon Law, open adoption families, fees, home study process, raising adopted children, and more. To register for the orientation, or request additional information, please contact Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services at 503-238-5196 or visit http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/upcoming_events.asp.

RETREAT FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF AGING RELATIVES - University of Portland is hosting "Compassion in Action," a two-day retreat for those who have become primary caregivers for aging relatives, on Jan. 27-28, 2012 The retreat will take place at the Griffin Center (11957 SE Fuller Rd., Milwaukie, OR and costs \$35 per person for meals, lodging, and retreat materials. Reservations are due by Monday, Jan. 16 and can be made by email at alumni@up.edu or by phone at 503-943-7328. This overnight retreat is limited to 24 participants. Scholarships may be available - please inquire when making reservations. See bulletin board for details.

2012 RALLY FOR LIFE AND MEMORIAL WALK - On Sunday, January 22, from 2:30 to 3:30 at Pioneer Courthouse Square, the lives of 54 million children lost to abortion will be remembered. Our nation and its leaders will be called upon to give unborn children the protection they deserve.

THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK, dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education.

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: *The Baptism of the Lord*. Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7/ Psalm 29/ Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ (Ps) 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8/ Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20/ Psalm 40/ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalm 44/ Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a/ Psalm 19/ Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*. 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19/ Psalm 40/
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20/ John 1:35-42

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Kerry, Ann and Jonathan Heisler

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,401.10 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$559.00 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

Family Faith Sharing Questions

Matthew 2:1-12

When King Herod heard about the newborn King of the Jews from the Magi, he was upset. He asked the Magi to find the infant and report back to him. Following the star, the Magi found the infant, did him homage, and gave him precious gifts. But in a dream, the Magi were warned to not return to Herod.

Why would Herod be upset about a newborn King of the Jews?

If you could select one gift for Jesus, what would it be and why?

How do you "do homage" (honor) someone very special?

