

O come, O come Emmanuel

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Elizabeth Schedule for December:

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 7 Morning Mass on Friday, December 8th at 8:30 am.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Friday, December 8th at 6:00 pm.

MASS SCHEDULE ON DECEMBER 24 & 25:

The schedule's busy this year as the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve:

Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at the regular Mass times on

Saturday 12/23 at 4:00 pm and Sunday 12/24 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm Family Mass and 10:00pm Mass

(Carols start at 9:30 pm)

Christmas Day Mass will be held at 10:00 am.

LECTORS! THE 2018 WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHAPEL -

Please sign your name on the list and take a copy.

Once again, the <u>TRAVELING CRIB</u>'s month at St. E was a huge success! We filled the crib three times!!! Catholic Charities adores us and is so very appreciative of our generosity. Thanks to you all, its diaper closet is replenished (plus a lot more).

RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT:

Resurrection	Wednesday, December 6	7pm
Our Lady of the Lake	Saturday, December 9	10am
St Cyril	Wednesday, December 13	7pm
St Clare	Thursday, December 14	7pm
Sacred Heart	Saturday, December 16	10am
Our Lady of the Lake	Tuesday, December 19	7pm
St Anthony	Wednesday, December 20	7pm

The Advent Edition of <u>THE WORD AMONG US</u> and other <u>ADVENT MEDITATION</u> <u>MATERIALS</u> are available in the gathering area. Help yourself to what you will use. We also have copies of <u>AT HOME WITH THE WORD</u> available for purchase (regular print \$8.00 and large print \$12.00).

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND - December 10:

9:00 AM – Pam & Arly Dunham 11:00 AM – Jim & Karyl Frazer If you can't fulfill your assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS - Thanksgiving: \$635 Weekend: \$5662 CCHD: \$2266 (total)

<u>A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WARE FAMILY</u> for once again providing our beautiful Advent Wreath, in the tradition of their mother, Jean. Jean decorated our church for the Christmas season for many, many years.

<u>IT'S FOOD SUNDAY</u> and our baskets are out for Simple Supper donations and the food pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish. Thank you!

The 16th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration!

Friday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols followed by Potluck Dinner
Special Appearance by Our Very Own St. Nicholas!

Plan to join us for this festive event!

Sign-up sheets are out if you can help with this even't and/or bring food!

OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES COULD USE A BOOST IN 2018!

St. Elizabeth has a well-deserved reputation as a very hospitable and social parish. Play a role in keeping this tradition alive by participating as Saturday Wine & Cheese or Sunday Coffee & Donut hosts! We need FIVE more coffee & donut hosts for each Sunday Mass and THREE more Wine & Cheese hosts. Both are great family activities and a natural way to meet more friends. And don't fret, you'll be helped by experienced hosts your first time out the gate. Sign-up sheets are in the back or call Elizabeth (503-222-2168)

ANGEL TREE GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NEXT WEEKEND!

Angel Tree Gifts should be wrapped for Christmas with the Angel Tree Tag securely attached. Gifts must be organized before delivery on Saturday, December 16, so please bring them to the church by next weekend. Problems? Please call Sharon Finley (503-344-6005) or Elizabeth in the church office (503-22-2168). Thanks!

<u>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</u> – Remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their name for use in our Christmas altar decorations. Forms are available on the table in the back. Suggested donation is \$15.00.

<u>RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS</u> – Next weekend we will take this second collection that assists senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests, who have offered their lives in service and prayer. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications and other necessities. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

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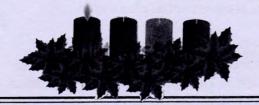
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 63: 16b-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: St. Nicholas, Bishop. Isaiah 25: 6-10a/Psalm 23/Matthew 15: 29-37.

Thursday: <u>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</u>. Isaiah 26: 1-6/ Psalm 118/

Matthew 7: 21, 24-27.

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Genesis 3: 9-15, 20/

Psalm 98/ Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1: 26-38.

Saturday: Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

Next Sun: Second Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 85/2 Peter 3: 8-14/

Mark 1: 1-8.