



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.

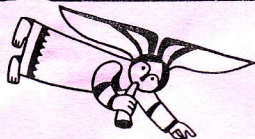
By the light of this wreath
we shall wait in patience
for your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who comforts our fears
and brings hope to the world.

All glory be yours
now and forever. Amen.

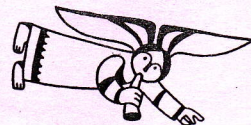
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2007

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve	Family Mass	4:00 P.M.
Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass	10:00 P.M.
	Carols	9:30 P.M.
Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day	Mass	10:00 A.M.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated at a vigil mass on **Friday, December 7**. The 4:00 PM Mass on December 8 is a celebration of the Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent.

EMBER DAY - Wednesday, December 5 is an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting. The intention of this Ember Day is for the healing of victims of child sexual abuse and their reconciliation with the Church.

RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS - Next weekend there will be a second collection for Retirement for the Religious. Please be generous.

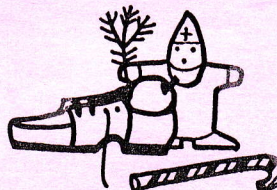
CHRISTMAS COOKIES are needed for our special dinner for Transition Projects on December 16. If you can help, please bring your cookies to the St. Elizabeth kitchen on December 15 or by noon on December 16. Our guests really appreciate them!

UNDY SUNDAY STRIKES AGAIN! We will have a 2-weekend-only drive the next two weekends to help our neighbors in need. Baskets will be out for socks and underwear. We hope to take them to the Transition Projects dinner on December 16.

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, December 4	7:00 PM	St. Clare, 8535 SW 19th Ave., Portland
Thursday, December 6	7:00 PM	Resurrection Church, 21060 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin
Wednesday, December 12	7:00 PM	St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th, Portland
Tuesday, December 18	7:00 PM	Our Lady of the Lake, 8th and "A" Avenue, Lake Oswego

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED to make an ornament to bring to the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4:00 PM where they may participate in our seven-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree at the Offertory.



The Advent season reconnects us to the waiting of our ancestors, fulfilled in Christ's humble birth. The Advent season proclaims day after day the vision of the prophet Isaiah who was inspired to preach the message of a new world which is being built on the foundation of the child born to us at Bethlehem. Advent rekindles in us that sense of watching and waiting wherein we see and identify Christ's constant breaking into our daily existence.

The world around us will rush the Christmas season and clothe itself in tinsel while Christians find themselves wrapped in a deep spirit of hope restored. The world will turn on twinkling lights while Christians fling the light of Christ into the teeth of death. Christ has come among us. Christ is among us. Christ will come again in glory to be recognized only by those who keep watch in the growing darkness and cold.

THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHOIRS, under the direction of Kurt Berentsen, will present its annual Christmas concert, "Christmas Chorale 2007" in conjunction with the university's Handbell Ensembles, Brass Ensemble, and Small String Ensemble. The performances will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, and at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9. All performances will take place on the Concordia campus at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Avenue.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 2: 1-5/Psalm 122/ Romans 13: 11-14/Matthew 24: 37-44

Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6/ Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: 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: *Solemnity of 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

Next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,002.20

THANKSGIVING: \$495.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$655.00

Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 p.m.: Kathie and Augie Gatto

9:00 a.m.: Patty Frahler 11:00 a.m.: Doug and Denise White

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

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass. 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 pm
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., Administrator
Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

