



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23, 2007

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SEASON 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.
Tuesday, January 1, Feast of Mary Mother of God/New Year's Day		12:00 P.M.

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.

A word from the Myers family -----

After a long fall, we have the news that Janelle passed all of her tests and is now officially in follow-up. Thanks for all the dinners, support, but most especially the prayers. We couldn't have made it through without you. Now on to college applications

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. If you used envelopes last year, your 2008 envelopes are marked with your name and number. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you want to begin using envelopes, please take a numbered packet and record your name and the number on the list on the table. Thank you.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD - 2008 - Sunday Scriptures and Scripture Insights

Again this year we offer these books to help you better understand the scripture readings for the year. They are available for \$8.00.

2008 ST. ELIZABETH RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS are available in the back of the church.

Please help yourself.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LITTLE SAINTS, Friday, December 28, 7:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha, OR. Fr. John Kerns of St. Juan Diego parish will be celebrating a Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church for all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion. Participants will have the opportunity to inscribe in a special book the names of the children and families they wish to remember at this Mass and light a candle in their honor. Come join us in praying for these innocent souls and those who mourn their loss. A reception with refreshments will follow. Counselors will be available after Mass for those who would like information or referrals.

In the history of Israel, the exodus event shaped the story of creation. In the formation of the gospels, the memory of Christ's death and rising shaped the accounts of his birth and infancy. Much more than stories about a precocious child with remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives are the clear expression of the early Church's belief that, from the first moment of Jesus' conception, God was at work in him.

In relating the annunciation to Joseph, Matthew does not intend to consider the psychological reactions of his character. He simply wishes to answer the question, "Who is the Messiah?" For Matthew, Jesus, "who will save his people from their sins," is the ultimate his people from their sins," is the ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph who introduces him into the royal line of David.

Informed from the beginning about the impending birth, Joseph believed at first that he must remove himself from this mystery in which he thought he would have no role to play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child whom Mary carried "comes from the Holy Spirit." But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus' legal status by accepting him as his own son and giving him his name. It is necessary that through Joseph the house of David recognize in this son "God with us." (Isaiah 7:14).

We readily designate birth "a joyous event." What should be said about the waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a humble but indispensable role? The questions here is not the history of one family among others, but the history of "God-with-us", the history of salvation.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Romans 1:1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24

Monday: Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 89/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Matthew 1:1-25/ Isaiah 9:1-6/ Titus 2:11-14/ Luke 2:1-14

Tuesday: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Isaiah 62:11-12/ Psalm 97/ Titus 3:4-7/
Luke 2:15-20

Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/ John 20:1A, 2-8

Friday: 1 John 1:5 -- 2:2/ Psalm 124/ Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 John 2:3-11/ Psalm 96/ Luke 2:22-35

Next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14/
Psalm 128/ Colossians 3:12-21/ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,968.25

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS: \$675.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$550.00

CHD: \$40.00

Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Maureen and Don Binzer

11:00 a.m.: Frankie and Daryl Anderson

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 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., Administrator
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

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US



The Lord gave unwilling King Ahaz a sign. Joseph, "son of David the King" and a house builder, received the same sign for Mary: "The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, God-with-us." That is the promise of Jesus' coming. Emmanuel, "God-with-us," is our only hope! Are you awaiting him?

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A.
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