



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
January 6, 2008

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



*Much thanks to all who made Christmas 2007 such a memorable celebration of Our Lord's birth. It is wonderful to witness the community involvement here at St. Elizabeth's, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Decorators, Servers and all who give of their time are much appreciated.*

*I have not yet had the opportunity to open all the gifts under my tree, but I thank all for your thoughtfulness.*

*May God's blessings be with you in the New year.*

*Fr. Jim*

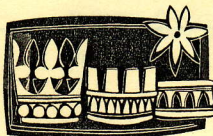
**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available in the back of the church. Please record your name after the number in the log that corresponds with your envelope packet number.

**2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING** - On the next two weekends you will have an opportunity to sign up to participate in a Lenten Faith Sharing Small Group. A group is a gathering of approximately 10 parishioners who meet weekly to share their faith and reflect on the coming Sunday's scripture readings. There will be six available times from which you can choose to participate.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC OFFERS UNIQUE FREE OPPORTUNITY:** Central Catholic High School offers three one hour classes (7:15pm-8:15pm) for parents and other friends of CCHS covering basics of the Catholic faith in a friendly well-organized discussion. Give "**Theology 101**" a try. See the poster in the church vestibule and sign up today for January 16th, 23rd and/or 30th. Send your name(s), address, e-mail address (or phone), with your preferred date(s) to: Campus Ministry - Central Catholic High School, 20401 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97214.

**DOWNTOWN CHAPEL CONNECTS: FINDING GOD IN THE POOR** - The Downtown Chapel is offering high school and college students the opportunity to spend a day serving the poor and marginalized in old Town as well as exploring how this service is rooted in Christian faith and spirituality. We will spend part of the morning looking at the ways in which our faith calls us to serve the homeless and marginalized, and part of the morning connecting with those who live on the streets by welcoming people into our lobby for coffee and conversation. In the afternoon, we will share in guided reflection of our experiences that day and will have a guest who was formerly homeless come and speak with us about his life.

The Downtown Chapel Connects is a great opportunity for students to respond to the gospel's call to be in relationship with those who are on the margins of our society. We are now signing up groups (ranging from 5-10 students per group) to participate for the spring semester. For more information, please contact Kelli Aviles at (503)228-0746 x 29 or [aviles@downtownchapel.org](mailto:aviles@downtownchapel.org).





**WELCOME!** - Would you like to help with greeting people who are new to St. Elizabeth's? We would like to form again a Welcome Committee. If you are interested, please call the parish office or sign up in the back of the church. Thank you.

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation, "epiphany," of God to the whole world.

The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body.

Enjoying the memories and mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important than any technical debate about the translation of "magi" (Greek). They have been called kings, wise men, or astrologers. In any event they signal a day to celebrate God's manifestation in Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany we face the mystery of Christ's identity and our response in faith. Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as "outsiders" as if we were not co-heirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Epiphany of the Lord - Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: 1 John 3:22---4:6/ Psalm 2/ Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10/ Psalm 72/ Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18/ Psalm 72/ Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19---5:4/ Psalm 72/ Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13/ Psalm 147/ Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21/ Psalm 149/ John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/ Matthew 3:13-17



**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,378.30

**CHD:** \$80.00

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** \$1,100.00

Thank you.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 p.m.: Tom and Diane Benz

9:00 a.m.: Mary Hulme and Joan Enright

11:00 a.m.: The Myers Family

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.

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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



### SALVATION FOR ALL

The Lord Jesus came to save all humankind, Jews and non-Jews alike. Today we feast the revelation of that great mystery. God's grace-filled covenant is opened up to all. The "wise men," and all wise women and men seeing with a child's eyes, discover the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother, Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord's arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore him!

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A.  
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