



**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2008**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



## Christ the King

*The liturgy of the Church abounds in the celebration of Christ's kingship. In 1925 Pope Pius XI established the last Sunday of October as a special feast in honor of this divine reign. This celebration has been transferred to the last Sunday in Ordinary Time to underline the indissoluble relationship between Christ's rule and the perfection of creation in the endtime. We begin our liturgical celebration this day by singing **Jesus Shall Reign Forever More**. Anticipating the coming of Christ at the end of time and looking forward to the coming of Christ when we celebrate Christmas, the Feast of Christ the King is thus the punctuation of our liturgical year.*

**ADVENT EMBER DAY SLATED** - The Ember Day for Advent will be on Wednesday, December 3. An Ember Day is a day set aside for prayer and fasting. Archbishop John G. Vlazny instituted Ember Days in the Archdiocese of Portland in 2002 as days for prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

### **7TH ANNUAL ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS/ ST. NICHOLAS DAY**

Friday evening, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The Advent of our God, a service of carols and readings for the season of Advent will be celebrated followed by a potluck supper and the appearance of St. Nicholas himself. Sign-up sheets for the potluck are in the back of the church.



**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION** - Our first communion and reconciliation class is held Sundays between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. If you are interested please call the parish office.

**ANGEL TREE** - Plans are underway for Angel Tree. We need volunteers to help in contacting the caregivers where the children live and also in delivering gifts on Dec. 24. Please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196 if you can help. Angel Tree tags will be available to parishioners on Dec. 6.

**READERS**, your 2009 workbooks are available in the Fireside Room. Please pick up your copy and sign for it on the nearby sheet.

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** \$3,139.31 Thank you.

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

4:00 Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 am: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 am: Peggy and Karl Smith

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

*Give thanks to the Lord  
who does wondrous deeds!*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Thanksgiving Day Mass - 10:00 a.m.*





The salvation of the Kingdom of God means the coming to power in and through human beings of the self-communicating love of God. Love reveals itself as the meaning of life. The world and man find fulfillment only in love.

In practice, however, human beings have separated themselves from the love of God by sin and put themselves at the service of egotism, self-seeking, self-will, self-advantage and self-importance. Everything falls apart in meaningless isolation and a general battle of all against all. In place of unity come loneliness and isolation, and the isolated individual or entity inevitably falls victim to meaninglessness. But when the ultimate source of all reality, God's love, re-establishes itself and comes to power, the world is restored to order and salvation. Because each individual can feel himself accepted and approved without reserve, he becomes free to live with others. The coming of the Kingdom of God's love therefore means the salvation of the world as a whole and the salvation of every individual. Everyone can now know that love is the ultimate, that it is stronger than death, stronger than hatred and injustice. The news of the coming of the Kingdom of God is therefore a promise about everything that is done in the world out of love. It says that, against all appearances, what is done out of love will endure forever; that it is the only thing which lasts forever.

Such a starting-point has obvious consequences for a Christian attitude to the world. It opens up possibilities which avoid the alternative of transforming the world by violence and escaping the world in pacifism: namely, the transformation and humanizing of the world through the violence of love. Love is no substitute for justice. It is more akin to the supreme perfection of justice. After all we are not doing justice to another person when we merely approve of him, when we give him ourselves. Love includes the demands of justice. It is a passionate commitment to justice for everyone, but at the same time it goes beyond justice and by so doing accomplishes it. Love is the power and the light which enables us to recognize the demands of justice in changing situations, and to meet them appropriately. In that sense, love is the soul of justice. Love is the answer to the search for a just and human world, the solution to the riddle of history. It is the wholeness of man and the world.

(Walter Kasper, *Jesus the Christ*, Search Press, 1976, pp. 86-87)

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*, Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/ Psalm 23/

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28/ Matthew 25:31-46

Monday: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Psalm 24/ Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19/ Psalm 96/ Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4/ Psalm 98/ Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: *Thanksgiving Day*, Sirach 50:22-24/ Psalm 113/ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Luke 17:11-19

Friday: Revelation 20:1-4, 11 through 21:12/ Psalm 84/ Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Revelation 22:1-7/ Psalm 95/ Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday: *First Sunday of Advent*, Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b and 64:2-7/ Psalm 80/

1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Mark 13:33-37



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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

### **Solemnity of Christ the King**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Today is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Here we see Jesus as Christ the King sitting "upon his glorious throne" with "all the nations assembled before him." He will be judging between "sheep" and "goats," between nations and people who developed their gifts, talents, and abilities and used them to build the kingdom of God, and those who did not.

*What are some examples that Jesus mentions of ways people can help to prepare for Jesus' coming?*

*What are some things you, personally, can do to prepare for Jesus' coming?*

*What are some things you as a family can do to prepare for Jesus' coming?*

*Look at the examples in the Bible story for hints.*