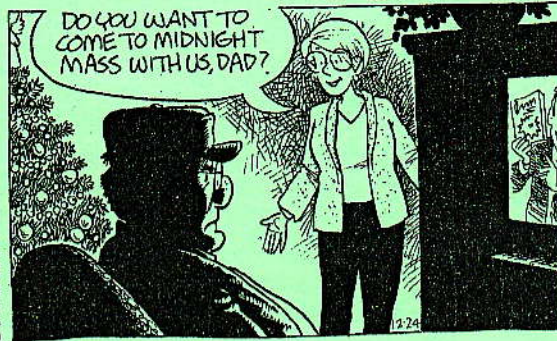
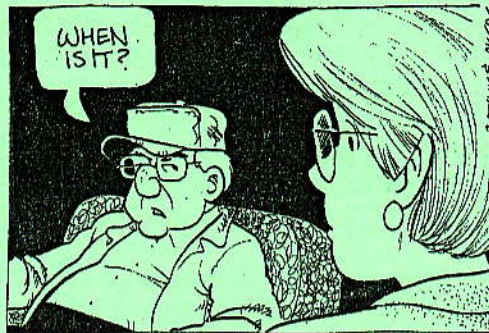


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Happy 4th Day of Christmas!
Fr. Jim

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 28, 2008**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years
Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to His people on earth!

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.
We make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy
that fill our days.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS WILL BE AT 4:00 PM.
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY AT 12:00 PM.**

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS - If you did not have an opportunity to make a donation for poinsettia to remember a loved one, you may still do so. The names of those memorialized will be published on Epiphany, next Sunday. Forms are in the back of the church.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the back of the church. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you wish to begin using envelopes and your name is not on the list, please take a numbered packet with a blank name and record your name.

ANGEL TREE - Thank you to all who have made special efforts to bring their Angel Tree gifts to St. Elizabeth's. Also, a big thank you to Gina Bainbridge for coordinating the program and the elves who are making the deliveries.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - The Big Snow has made it difficult for many parishioners to make it to Mass. If you were not able to contribute to the Retirement Fund for the Religious you may still do so.

NEXT SUNDAY, ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, children who were not able to participate in our eight-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree on Christmas may do so just as the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.



The Patriarchs and Prophets prayed for the coming of Christ in Bethlehem, and this first coming did not silence the groanings of creation. For, according to the words of the Apostle, which we have just heard, while man waited for the birth of Jesus in Judaea, the rest of the universe still waits for the revelation of Christ in His Church.

The mystery of Christmas therefore lays upon us all a debt and an obligation to the rest of men and to the whole created universe. We who have seen the light of Christ are obliged, by the greatness of the grace that has been given us, to make known the presence of the Savior to the ends of the earth. This we will do not only by preaching the glad tidings of His coming, but above all by revealing Him in our lives. Christ is born to us today, in order that He may appear to the whole world through us. This one day is the day of His birth, but every day of our mortal lives must be His manifestation, His divine Epiphany, in the world which He has created and redeemed.

(Thomas Merton, *Seasons of Celebration*, Farrar, Straud & Giroux, 1965, p. 112)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Holy Family of Jesus* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Psalm 105/
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Luke 2: 22-40

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

Tuesday: 1 John 2:12-17/ Psalm 96/ Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/ Luke 2:15-21

Thursday: Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21

Friday: 1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 John 2:29-3:6/ Psalm 98/ John 1:29-34

Sunday: *The Epiphany of the Lord* Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Clay and Carolyn Carter

9:00 am: Dave and Agnes Craford

11:00 am: Pat and Corky Fleck

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



*Now, Master, you can
dismiss your servant in peace*

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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

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

The most important thing about family is that it gives children their first glimpse of God, who is unconditional Love. Imagine yourself holding Mary's infant. Look at his tiny hands, his mouth, his sleeping face. Notice the wonder and love he evokes in you and reflect it back to him. That feeling, that pouring out of wonder and joy, is what God feels for us, for our children.

