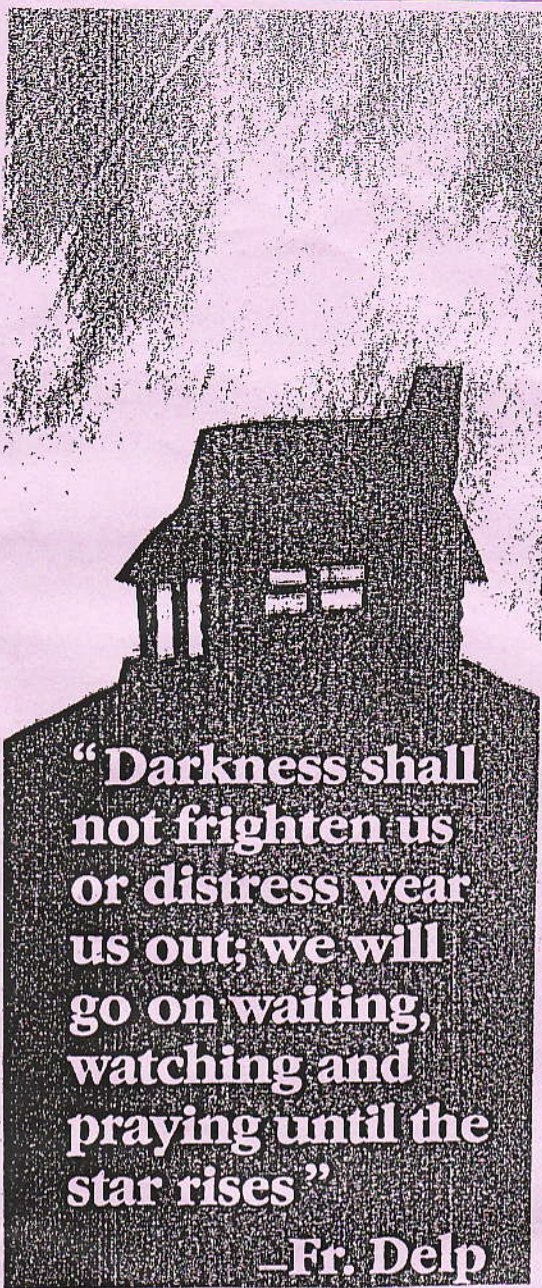


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**“Darkness shall
not frighten us
or distress wear
us out; we will
go on waiting,
watching and
praying until the
star rises”**

—Fr. Delp

Written in prison a member
of the German Resistance
Advent 1944

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2008



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
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Family Mass 4:00 PM
Vigil Mass 10:00 PM
Carols 9:30 PM
Mass 10:00 AM

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated Monday, December 8 at 8:30 am and at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU TO ALL who took part in our **7th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration**: the choir, readers, decorators, cooks, food servers, clean-up crew and all who enjoyed this Advent season tradition.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ARCHBISHOP VLAZNY'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

On December 14, please join the entire Catholic community of western Oregon in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Archbishop John G. Vlazny. You and your family and friends are invited to a public Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Vlazny on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:30 pm at the University of Portland's Chiles Center. More than 100 priests and twenty bishops will be concelebrating the Mass. Come join the celebration. All are welcome. A public reception will follow in the Chiles Center. The University of Portland's Chiles Center is located on the corner of N. Portsmouth Avenue and N. Willamette Blvd. A special musical performance will begin at 1:30pm.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS -Please give generously to next week's second collection which benefits the many deserving religious who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care.

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 eight-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on our Christmas tree at the Offertory.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS - You may remember a loved one in a special way by making a donation in their name for the purchase of a Christmas poinsettia for the altar. The names of those memorialized will be published. Forms are in the back of the church. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

ANGEL TREE - ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday, December 9	7:00 PM	St. Clare	8535 SW 19th, Portland
Thursday, December 11	7:00 PM	Holy Family	7525 SE 39th, Portland
Saturday, December 13	11:00 AM	Sacred Heart	SE 11th and Center, Portland
Wednesday, December 17	7:00 PM	St. Philip Neri	2408 SE 16th Ave., Portland
Monday, December 22	7:00 PM	Our Lady of the Lake	8th & A Ave., Lake Oswego
Saturdays	3:00 PM	St. Elizabeth's	

The flame must be revived at all costs. At all costs we must renew in ourselves the desire and the hope for the great Coming. But where are we to look for the source of this rejuvenation? We shall clearly find it, first and foremost, in an increase of the attraction exercised directly by Christ upon his members. And then in an increase of the interest, discovered by our thought, in the preparation and consummation of the Parousia. And from where is this interest itself to spring? From the perception of a more intimate connection between the victory of Christ and the outcome of the work which our human effort here below is seeking to construct.

We are constantly forgetting that the supernatural is a ferment, a soul, and not a complete and finished organism. Its role is to transform "nature"; but it cannot do so apart from the matter which nature provides it with. If the Jewish people have remained turned towards the Messiah for three thousand years, it is because he appeared to them to enshrine the glory of their people. If the disciples of St. Paul lived in perpetual expectation of the great day, that was because it was to the Son of Man that they looked for a personal and tangible solution to the problems and the injustices of life. The expectation of heaven cannot remain alive unless it is incarnate.

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *The Divine Milieu*, Harper & Row, 1968, pp. 152-153)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 2nd Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 85/ 2 Peter 3:8-14/ Mark 1:1-8

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Isaiah 40: 1-11/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:14-17/ (Psalm) Judith 13:18bc, 19/

Luke 1:26-38 Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/ Psalm 80/ Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11/ (Psalm) Luke 1:46-50,53-54/
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/ John 1:6-8, 19-28

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: \$3,573.65 **CCHD:** \$20.00

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION: \$355.00 Thank you

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Marguerite and Bob Larroque

9:00 am: Patty Frahler and Bob Bently 11:00 am: Jean and Bill Horton

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

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, we hear a passage from the beginning of Mark's Gospel. These verses remind us of Isaiah's prophecy, which it tells about the coming of the Messiah and is found in the Hebrew Testament. This text provides a rich and very colorful description of John the Baptist and his ministry, telling us how he baptized people in the Jordan River and told them about the "Mighty One" who was yet to come! It is a reminder to us of our commitment to our own baptism, that wonderful sacrament through which we were welcomed into our faith community.



Advent is a great time to recommit ourselves and our families to practicing our faith. How can we prepare our home (and heart!) so that each of us can be ready for the presence of Jesus in our life?