



By day and by night,
and through every season,
you watch over us, Lord.

We praise you for this Advent wreath.
It is the evergreen crown
of your royal people,
and it shines with the promise
of eternal victory.

By the light of this wreath
we shall wait in patience
for your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who comforts our fears
and brings hope to the world.

All glory be yours
now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
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Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

Family Mass

Vigil Mass

Carols

Mass

4:00 PM

10:00 PM

9:30 PM

10:00 AM

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

This 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 and helpers are in the back of the church.



St. Nicholas, pray for us

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.

ANGEL TREE - Plans are underway for Angel Tree. We need volunteers to help deliver gifts on Dec. 20. Please call Gina Bainbridge at 503-244-5196 if you can help. Angel Tree tags will be available to parishioners next weekend. Dec. 6th and 7th..

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

SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food and place it in the basket in the parish hall. This food goes to **Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank** to help feed the hungry. The basket is left out at all times so that you can bring food any time it is convenient.

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

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.

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down . . ." Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry rises to God, borne up by the certainty of a kingdom already among us but not yet completed. For our God is a God who comes: "He who was, and who is, and who is to come!" (Rev 4:8).

Once again, we must situate ourselves properly before this mystery which draws near. It would be useless to speculate about the moment of the final manifestation of the Lord. That is an old temptation to which troubled societies regularly succumb. Even today many sects set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not the date of the Parousia but its character which must concern us. It will pronounce judgment on all of history and on our personal lives. In the face of the coming of the Son of Man, which no one can foresee or prevent, in the face of this long vigil through the night of this world, it is best to remain always on the alert, to be aware of our responsibility toward the present, and to recognize the eternal significance of every moment.

Paul calls the vigilant Christian to give thanks without ceasing. Thanksgiving is not an expression of smug complacency. With this awareness of what we are not yet and do not yet do, we turn toward the One who is the beginning and the end of all things. We renounce what delays and announce what hastens his coming. Then, like a thorn in the world's flesh, we become a goad to the world's vigilance, triumphing over sleep and stirring up hope: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *First Sunday of Advent*. Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b and 64:2-7/ Psalm 80/
1 Corinthians 1:3-9/ Mark 13:33-37

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalm 118/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalm 27/ Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 9:35 through 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

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



ARCHBISHOP JOHN G. VLAZNY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION AS A BISHOP

You and your family are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:30 PM in the Earle A. Chiles Center at the University of Portland. A public reception will follow at the Center. Please carpool as parking space is limited.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$4,437.65 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$500.00
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$1,221.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge

11:00 am: 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 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

We begin the new liturgical on a note similar to the end of the liturgical year last week: "Be watchful and alert." Once again, we are urged to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. At this time of year, we are usually thinking of the infant Jesus coming at Christmas. But Jesus comes into our lives every day, too. And Jesus will come again at the end of time. During Advent we prepare and watch and wait for Jesus to come in all three ways.

In the Gospel parable, a man leaves his servants in charge of his home, each one with work to do. What is your work or job? What can you do so that your "work" helps prepare the world for the coming of Christ? (Hint: this may have something to do with your attitude when you are doing your job).

Jesus comes in surprising ways. As a family, make an Advent wreath with four candles. As you make the wreath, talk together about what you see that needs to be done to prepare for the coming of Jesus in your home, at your church, in you school, at work, in the world. Talk about and then choose one thing you can do together to make the world better for Jesus. The first week, as you light one candle pray together, "Come Lord Jesus."