



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.

December 1, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Family Mass	4:00 PM
Tuesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Carols	9:30 PM
Tuesday	December 24, Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass	10:00 PM
Wednesday	December 25, Christmas Day	Mass	10:00 AM

Please post on your refrigerator or bulletin board!

PLEASE COME EARLY ON THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, so we can begin Mass on time.

12TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION! Friday, December 6th at 6:00 PM

Celebrating Advent,
Lessons and Carols,
The Appearance of St. Nicholas,
Culminating with a Fabulous Potluck Dinner

Elves are needed for set-up and kitchen duties.
Please sign up in the back of the church to help
and/or bring food to the potluck.



SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the ***Retirement for Religious.***

THE ANGEL TREE TAGS will be available next weekend, December 7th and 8th. Please do not take a tag until you have signed in with an Angel Tree elf.

ADVENT PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the back of the church. Please take only what you will use.

READERS – Your new workbooks are available in the chapel. Please sign for and take your copy.

Advent is a brief period of time which prepares Christians for the celebration of Christmas. Let us listen to Paul's warning, "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near."

Indeed, since the resurrection of Jesus, the life of people and society has made an irresistible change of course which rushes them toward their final end and judgment. We must decide for humanity and use all our energy to discover our future with God. The gospel of this Sunday puts us on the watch. It insists that we not be in a state of unreadiness and carelessness, that we not have a false sense of security in regard to the unforeseeable coming of the Son of Man. In the days of Noah, the people were overconfident in themselves and continued with the business at hand. Then, suddenly, came the disaster: they were taken by surprise in their sleep, unconcerned with what was essential.

The image of the Lord coming as a thief in the night expresses the necessity of constant vigilance. "Here I stand, knocking at the door." (Rev 3:20). In every age of history, the Church is in danger of failing to hear him who knocks at the door. He is there to awaken Christians to the call of the Spirit.

Today, more than ever, the Church and all Christians must play the prophetic role of confronting a sleeping world which risks losing its soul. We should live so as not to be surprised by the judgment at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Romans 13:11-14/ Matthew 24:37-44
Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6/ 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
Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Peggy Wood

9:00 AM: Eileen and Perry Broughton

11:00 AM: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute.

Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,719.25

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$1,472.47 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.

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., Pastor

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

We anticipate
what is not yet
and practice now
your future
we say and sing
that all you have made
your creation is good
laboriously
so very slowly
we work out your promise
in hope and fear
and strive to build
a city of peace
a new creation
where you will be
our light, our all.

Give us strength, O God,
to persevere
and bring us to
a happy end.



(Huub Oosterhuis, Your Word is Near, Paulist, 1968, p. 152)