



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 22, 2013**

**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!

**NEW YEAR'S/ SOLEMNITY OF MARY** – On December 31, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM and 12:00 Noon on January 1.



**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. Forms are in the back of the church. Suggested donation is \$10.00.



**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 thirteen-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas tree at the Offertory.

**ALL GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN** who would like to participate in the music at the 4:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to meet at the "Little House" at 10:15 AM this Sunday, Dec. 22 for practice. Call Laurel Freeborg at 503-287-5376 if you have questions.

**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 did not use envelopes last year and would like to this year, please record your name on a blank line marked "OPEN" and take the corresponding packet. Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 AM: Pam Dunham and Sharon Burns

11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

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

In the history of Israel, the exodus event shaped the story of creation. In the formation of the gospels, the memory of Christ's death and rising shaped the accounts of his birth and infancy. Much more than stories about a precocious child with remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives are the clear expression of the early Church's belief that, from the first moment of Jesus' conception, God was at work in him.

In relating the annunciation to Joseph, Matthew does not intend to consider the psychological reactions of his character. He simply wishes to answer the question, "Who is the Messiah?" For Matthew, Jesus, "who will save his people from their sins," is the ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph who introduces him into the royal line of David.

Informed from the beginning about the impending birth, Joseph believed at first that he must remove himself from this mystery in which he thought he would have no role to play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child whom Mary carried "comes from the Holy Spirit." But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus' legal status by accepting him as his own son and giving him his name. It is necessary that through Joseph the house of David recognize in this son "God-with-us" (Isaiah 7:14).

We readily designate birth "a joyous event." What should be said about the waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a humble but indispensable role? The question here is not the history of one family among others, but the history of "God-with-us", the history of salvation.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Romans 1:1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24
Monday:	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Psalm 25/ Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday:	<u>The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.</u> Isaiah 9:1-6/ Psalm 96/ Titus 2:11-14/ Luke 2:1-14
Wednesday:	<u>The Nativity of the Lord.</u> Isaiah 62:11-12, Psalm 97/ Titus 3:4-7/ Luke 2:15-20
Thursday:	<u>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr.</u> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 10:17-22
Friday:	<u>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist.</u> 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/ John 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	<u>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.</u> 1 John 1:5 through 2:2/ Psalm 124/ Matthew 2:13-18
Next Sunday:	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.</u> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Psalm 128/ Colossians 3:12-21/ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$5,831.50

**RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS:** \$2,932.75 to date. 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.

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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., 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

*The title "Savior" sums up Jesus's life mission to bring us back to right relationship with our heavenly Father. He does this by amazing gifts of love and service throughout his life, ministry, and Death. Our Savior saves by showing us a different way, "a more excellent way" according to the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:31. Christ's love is more powerful than power itself; may it be our foundation and our hope.*