



**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

14TH ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION!

Friday, December 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Lessons and Carols followed by Potluck Dinner

Appearance by St. Nicholas

GOOD NEWS! St. Alexander Catholic Church has raised nearly \$4 million of the \$6 million needed to build the new church. This includes nearly \$39,000 from 64 families at St. Elizabeth. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from our parish so we are only \$10,000 away from that goal. Now there is a \$400,000 matching gift, which means every donation from now on will be matched dollar for dollar. Also, you can now make your donation on credit card. Simply go to Parish Pay.com, type in St. Alexander Catholic Church and enter your credit card billing information. You can make a pledge or one-time contribution on Parish Pay. Thank you all for your generous support of our mission to help the good people of St. Alexander build a new church!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps improve education, housing conditions and community economic development for those in need. Your contribution will help defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection (envelops in pews).

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

THE TRAVELLING CRIB is here through the month of November for the collection of baby and maternity items for *Pregnancy Support Services* at Catholic Charities. This is a practical way we can support women facing difficult situations, who have said "yes" to new life. A list of needed items can be found on the table near the crib. Cash donations are also accepted.

CONCERT IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Mary's Cathedral, November 12-14 at 7:30pm and November 15 at 2:00pm

\$12 adults and \$8 for students. For reservations, call 503-235-3138, Ext 1107 or cappellaromana.org

This joyful program will lift your spirits with hymns and spiritual songs and light-hearted readings about or written by St. Francis himself.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM: John and Patricia MacLean and Paula Hamilton

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Bob and Ginny Caudill

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$6,401.00

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$564.25 Thank you.

Like their Jewish forbears, the first generation of Christians were heirs to a promise: the Lord will come. At first, they expected the promise to be kept within their lifetime. When the world began to collapse around them under the Roman onslaught on Jerusalem, they echoed the anguished questions asked by Daniel's people during a brutal persecution of the city generations before: When will he come? How will we know the time is at hand?

Our world, like theirs, seems threatened with ruin. Nations brandish nuclear weapons at nations; economies rise and fall; whole populations slowly starve before watching eyes of the television cameras. Again we remember that we are heirs to the promise. Again we hear voices around us clamoring to know if it will be kept in our lifetime. When will he come? How will we know?

Hidden beneath this global anxiety may lie some awareness that for each of us the world is indeed passing away. With every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age, we are reminded that we personally are heirs to the promise. It will be kept in our lifetime. When will the Lord come for us in death? How will we know?

The ambiguous answer to the first generation of Christians is given to us. We must seek the signs of the kingdom in our times and in our lives, but we must not become preoccupied with predictions of the day and the hour. It matters far less at what moment the Lord will come than how he will find us living the gospel on his arrival.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daniel 12: 1-3/ Psalm 16/
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/ Mark 13:24-32
- Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Psalm 119/ Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. 2 Maccabees 6:18-31/
Psalm 3:2-7/ Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31/Psalm 17:1/
Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Psalm 50/
Luke 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/ (Psalm)
1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11-12
Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13/ Psalm 9:2/ Luke 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Daniel 7:13-14/ Psalm 93/
Revelation 1:5-8/ John 18:33b-37



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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, Administrative Assistant - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

Reflection

Mark 13:28-32

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year in which the readings take on an eschatological flare, meaning that they are focused on the end of times. Jesus suggests that when the end is near, we will know it by the signs that are taking place around us. We read in the Book of Revelations of the great tribulation that will accompany the end times. It does us no good to fear the apocalypse; rather, it should inspire us to work for the perfection of heaven on earth. If we saw the dawning of God's Kingdom of peace in our world, the earth, as we know it, would certainly pass away. Challenge yourself to perform one act of love in the week ahead that could help bring the Kingdom a little closer.