



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 13, 2015**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



*Please post on your refrigerator or bulletin board!*

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our 15<sup>th</sup> annual St. Nicholas celebration—our choir, everyone who helped with set-up, clean-up and contributed food—you all made it a wonderful evening!

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MAKE AN ORNAMENT** to bring to the Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4:00PM and participate in our 15 year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas tree during the Offertory.

**ALL GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN** are invited to sing in the choir at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass. Plan on coming and join in the celebration!

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE** - Please sign your name on the list when you take your envelopes. If you have not used envelopes in the past but would like to start, please contact Elizabeth in the church office 503-222-2168.

**ANGEL TREE GIFTS** must be received at St. Elizabeth's today, December 13, 2015. Gifts need to be wrapped with the Angel Tree peel-off tag firmly affixed to the package. If you have questions or can help with delivery of gifts on December 19<sup>th</sup>, please call Sharon Finley at 503-707-6568. Thanks for your generosity and help!

**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.

**UMBRELLA COLLECTION FOR THE TRANSITION PROJECTS** – St. Elizabeth's Transition Projects team is kicking off with an umbrella collection beginning this weekend. The umbrellas are needed by guests staying at the homeless shelter. Donated umbrellas need not be new, but they **must be in good working order**. A clearly marked donation box is located in the back of the church. Thank you!

**TRANSITION PROJECTS:** We need your help to succeed in St. Elizabeth's commitment to the emergency shelter in Multnomah that assists homeless single women. We need volunteers to provide meals, sack lunches, in-kind donations of items needed by shelter guests (*i.e.*, umbrellas) and monetary donations. The basket in the back of the church (previously marked "Simple Supper") is now designated "Homeless Shelters" and your monetary contributions will be used to benefit the two shelters our church has served for decades as well as the new, temporary shelter in Multnomah. A flyer detailing the Transition Project is posted on the bulletin board. Your help makes a huge difference in the lives of our homeless population. To get involved, please contact Jean Horton (jhorton150@comcast.net) or Maura O'Scannlain (maurapdx@comcast.net).

When Luke writes the gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history, but what interests him most is the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning. They are a challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency; we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in the circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity.

We join those innumerable people who open their lives to the unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting." Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the one whom we await: Jesus Christ, who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.



## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Third Sunday of Advent. Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ (Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-6/  
Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18.

Monday: Numbers 24-2-7, 15-17a/ Psalm 25/ Matthew 21:23-27.

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/ Psalm 34/Matthew 21:28-32.

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/ Psalm 85/ Luke 7:18b-23.

Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:1-17.

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:18-25.

Saturday: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a/ Psalm 71/ Luke 1:5-25

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 80/ Hebrews 10:5-10/  
Luke 1:39-45.



### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, St. Anthony (Tigard)  
Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, St. Cyril (Wilsonville)  
Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Oswego)

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM Wine & Cheese: Maryann Pierleoni

9:00 AM: Maryla & Greg Kaminski

11:00 AM: Kathy & Rich Sabel

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



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$6,610.25    SIMPLE SUPPER: \$430.25    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, Parish Assistant - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

*"What are we to do?" Suppose we were asking John the Baptist for a formula to change our lives, what would he say? Using today's language, he might say that conversion begins by "getting over yourself!" Have you ever heard that?—"Oh, get over yourself?" What the Baptist would mean is: "OK, so you have had some mistakes throughout your life—you were in a bad marriage, your kids did not turn out exactly the way you had hoped, you have carried anger at a sibling—well, get over yourself!" Turning your life around begins by letting the past truly be the past, so that you can move freely into the future. If you are stuck dwelling on your problems or your sins, try thinking about the needs of someone else for a while.*

