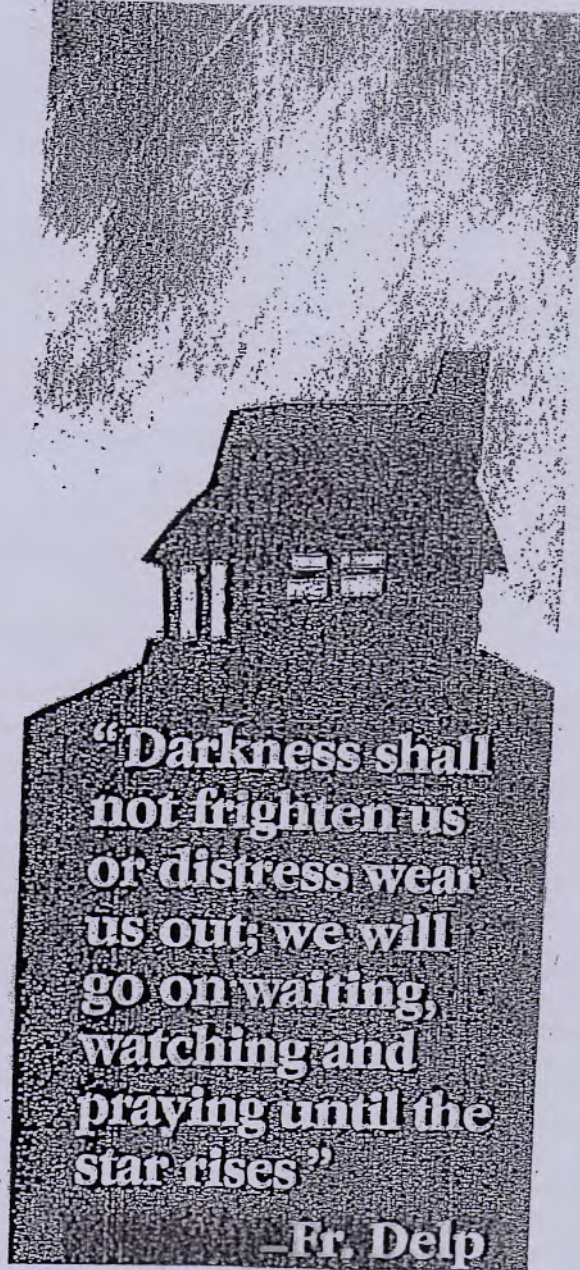


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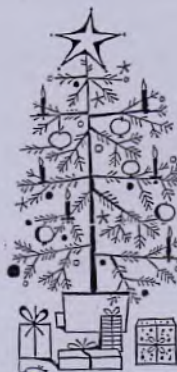
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

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!

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WARE FAMILY for once again providing our beautiful Advent wreath in the continuing tradition of their mother, Jean, who decorated our church for many years.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

ANGEL TREE TAGS are available this weekend after all Masses. Please do not take a tag until you have signed out with the person at the Angel Tree table in the back of the church. Return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to St. Elizabeth's no later than Sunday, December 13th. If you have questions or can help with sorting gifts or delivering gifts on December 19th, please call Sharon Finley at 503-707-6568. Thanks for your generosity and help!

ST. ALEXANDER CATHOLIC CHURCH – We've almost reached our goal of \$50,000! Our parish has raised \$44,453.75 toward the capital campaign for St. Alexander Catholic Church. All contributions are now matched dollar-for-dollar from a matching-gift fund. St. Alexander's needs our support now! Please consider making a Christmas or end-of-year contribution to help our Hispanic Catholic friends in Cornelius build a new church. Contribution forms and envelopes are in the back of the church. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Sabel, 503.781.4669.

CELEBRATE THIS ADVENT SEASON! Presentation by Cecily Harkins – Stay after 9AM and 11AM Masses today and learn about meaningful yet simple ways to celebrate this Advent Season in your home. Cecily will give a power point presentation in the chapel.

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.

THERESA, THE STORY OF A SOUL – A powerful live drama performed by Audrey Ahern. Sunday, December 6, 2015, 5:30 PM, Resurrection Catholic Church. See bulletin board for more info on this and other Christmas programs in the Portland area.

Today's gospel deals with the Baptist, that herald of an extraordinary event. The evangelist reports John's cry raised in the desert. He describes his mission to us: to prepare the way, to make straight the road. After a long silence during which there have been no more signs or prophets, God speaks anew. The echo of his voice rumbles across the solitudes announcing a decisive turning point in the history of the world. In an ultimate intervention which fulfills and overflows the ancient hopes, God will come.

But how? Will he show his presence like a meteor leaving a fiery trail across the lower reaches of the atmosphere before pursuing its course through the starry night? Will we only catch a glimpse, in the space of a flash of lightning, and then fall once again into the darkness which covers the world? No, for this Word which erupts into time changes all human history: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." But to see him we must first die to ourselves in conversion. That is John's message.

It is in the midst of the discordant voices of history that God makes himself heard. By its life of justice, the community of believers ceaselessly sounds forth the invitation to humanity's new exodus.

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Second Sunday of Advent. Baruch 5:1-9/ Psalm 126/ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6.
- Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10/ Psalm 85/Luke 5:17-26.
- Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalm 98/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38.
- Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:28-30.
- Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 11:11-15.
- Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19/ Psalm 1/ Matthew 11:16-19.
- Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Zechariah 2:14-17/ (Psalm) Judith 13:18-19/ Luke 1:26-38.
- Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent. Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ (Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-6/ Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18.

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

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM: John and Cathy Dummer

11:00 AM: Denise and Doug White

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

Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,084.36

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: \$524.50

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$ 711.00

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, 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Each Advent, the Church devotes the Second Sunday to the preaching of John the Baptist. John was a radical, itinerant preacher who lived apart in the desert. In an age when people were seeking political power to rid Israel of Roman occupation, he preached the coming of God's Kingdom and the need for repentance. John the Baptist challenges the status quo with both his preaching and his lifestyle. Advent is a time for us to ask whether our faith strikes others as radical and countercultural. Do we appear to the world as full of conviction for the coming of God's Kingdom, or are we content merely to fit in?

