



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 10, 2016**

**ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, Nash Beckett Williams, who will be baptized this Saturday, January 9, 2016. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, Jacob and Emily Williams and grandparents, Maurice and Loretta Williams.



**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN:** Next week, our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and support local needs, so please consider making a contribution. Envelopes are available in the pews.

**BLANKETS and UMBRELLAS NEEDED FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS:** St. Elizabeth's Transition Projects team is now collecting **TWIN SIZE** quilts and blankets and continues to collect umbrellas needed by guests staying at the homeless shelter. Donated quilts and blankets need not be new, but must be twin size, clean and in good shape. Used umbrellas are also welcome, so long as they are in good working order. A clearly marked donation box is located in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**TRANSITION PROJECTS:** We are still seeking volunteers to help with St. Elizabeth's Transition Projects. Interested? A flyer detailing the Transition Projects 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).

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The U.S. Bishops annual novena, 9 Days for Life, takes place Saturday, January 16 through Sunday January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections and more each day. Download the novena online or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Register for the next world Wide Marriage Encounter at Mt. Angel Abby February 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on line at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed online.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE** - Please pick yours up in the back of the church.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 16 & 17, 2016:**

4:00 PM Wine and Cheese: Kathy & Augie Gatto

9:00 AM: Barbara & Karl Wetzel      11:00 AM: Theresa & Patrick Niedermeyer

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

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$2278.00 Simple Supper/Homeless Shelters: \$450.

**COLLECTION FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY CELEBRATION:** \$4250.00.      Thank you.

The annual season of light draws to a close. January might be quite bleak in northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores and communities regularly package their Christmas décor and store it away for eleven months. For the church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all those loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery. It remembers one more aspect of Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding of the mystery of Jesus through the recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of his public life because the varied details of their accounts unveil his identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. He is the beloved Son.

These proclamations about Jesus summon us to fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, Facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: *The Baptism of the Lord*. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 104/ Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7/ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.
- Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/ Psalm 116/ Mark 1: 14-20.
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ (Psalm) 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8/ Mark 1:21-28.
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/ Psalm 40/ Mark 1:29-39.
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalm 44/ Mark 1:40-45.
- Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:1-12.
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a/ Psalm 21/ Mark 2:13-17.
- Next Sunday: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Isaiah 62:1-5/Psalm 96/  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11/ John 2:1-11.

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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



### Reflection

A voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." In Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon us. God looks upon us as beloved daughters and sons. In every Eucharist we ask the Spirit to deepen our identity as sons and daughters of God. Jesus' Body and Blood enters our flesh and blood, grasps us by the hand, and invites us to hold onto God and one another. Live St Francis de Sales' words, "Keep a tight grasp of Christ's hand. Whenever you find yourself with more than you can handle, do not panic, but look to Christ."