



CHRISTMASTIME

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church



NEXT SUNDAY WE'LL RETURN TO OUR NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY – Baskets will be out for Simple Supper Donations and the Food Bank at Immaculate Heart Parish.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—Thanks to everyone who made donations to the memorial poinsettias decorating our church. The names of those remembered are listed on the bulletin board in the gathering space. Those remembered will be included in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass during the Christmas Season.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY! This year, plan to bid farewell to 2016 with your friends at St. Elizabeth's! Our final Wine & Cheese for 2016 falls on New Year's Eve! We're asking everyone to bring an appetizer and make it a celebration! Plan to attend 4:00 pm Mass on December 31st and stay afterwards to enjoy good food and great company. We may even have music (and dancing)!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND ON THE TABLES IN THE GATHERING AREA- If you used envelopes last year, your name is on the list. Please sign next to your name to indicate that you received your envelopes. There are several boxes currently unassigned; these are highlighted in yellow. If you'd like to start using envelopes, feel free to take one of the unassigned boxes and clearly print your name on the list corresponding to that number. If we run out of unassigned boxes, give Elizabeth a call in the church office (503-222-2168) and she'll get you envelopes.

ANGEL TREE – Thank you to everyone who bought gifts for our Angel Tree kids this year! Special thanks to Sharon Finley and Pam Dunham for coordinating the effort and to all our drivers and elves who delivered the gifts. You made many kids' Christmas a lot brighter this year!

The Patriarchs and Prophets prayed for the coming of Christ in Bethlehem, and this first coming did not silence the groaning of creation. For, according to the words of the Apostle, which we have just heard, while man waited for the birth of Jesus in Judaea, the rest of the universe still waits for the revelation of Christ in His Church.

The mystery of Christmas therefore lays upon us all a debt and an obligation to the rest of men and to the whole created universe. We who have seen the light of Christ are obliged, by the greatness of the grace that has been given us, to make known the presence of the savior to the ends of the earth. This we will so not only be preaching the glad tidings of His coming, but above all by revealing Him in our lives. Christ is born to us today, in order that he may appear to the whole world through us. This one day is the day of His birth, but every day of our mortal lives must be His manifestation, His divine Epiphany, in the world which he has created and redeemed.

(Thomas Merton, *Seasons of Celebration*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1965, p. 112)

LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: Christmas Day. Isaiah 62:11-12/ Psalm 97/ Titus 3:4-7/ Luke 2:15-20.
- Monday: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr. Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/ Psalm 31/
Matthew 10:17-22.
- Tuesday: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist. 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/ John 20:1a, 2-8.
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Psalm 33/ Luke 1:39-45.
- Thursday: 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 1 John 2:3-11/ Psalm 96/
Luke 2:22-35.
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Psalm 128/
Mathew 2:13-15, 19-23.
- Saturday: The 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/
John 1:1-18 I
- Next Sun: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.
Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:407/ Luke 2:16-21.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- December 31st & January 1st.

Saturday Wine & Cheese – New Year’s Eve Party – Everyone bring an appetizer!
9:00 AM – Colleen & Jim Connolly 11:00AM – Vicki Grorud & Mary Gabelsberger

COLLECTIONS--Last Sunday: \$3709.00 Retirement for Religious \$3,699.00 (Total)

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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.

PARISH STAFF

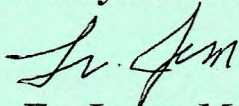
Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor

Elizabeth Duncan, Parish Assistant - 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

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

*So young and old join hand and celebrate —
It's Christmas again and God gives us New
Light, steps into our world of mangers and
crowded inns, of war, fear and human problems.
God rest you merry Gentlefolk — The Lord has
come. And children will laugh, and memories
will brighten, and hope will glow and hate will
subside, and we will celebrate the great
possibility that God gives us once again.*

Merry Christmas,



Fr. James M. Kolb, C.S.P.