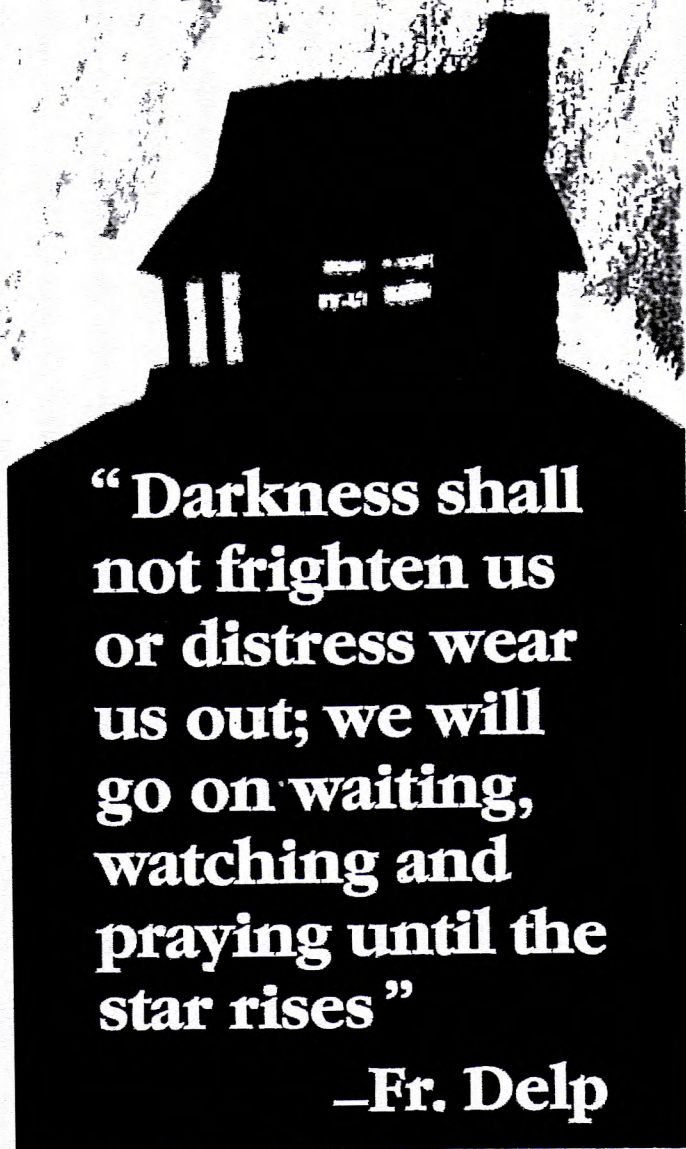


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**“Darkness shall
not frighten us
or distress wear
us out; we will
go on waiting,
watching and
praying until the
star rises”**

—Fr. Delp

Written in prison
as a member of the
German Resistance

Advent 1944

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2016

IT'S FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets are out for Simple Supper donations and the food pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY DURING ADVENT for the lighting of the Advent Wreath in the gathering area. It will make Fr. Jim so happy to start on time!

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated Thursday, December 8th at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Next weekend we will take a collection for the Retirement Fund For the Religious. This fund assists senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have offered their lives in service and prayer. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications and other necessities. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you!

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

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS DESPERATELY NEEDED! We currently have only FIVE active hospital ministers, which is grossly inadequate to serve the Catholic patients at OHSU. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or call the church office at 503-222-2168.

ANGEL TREE - Thanks to your generosity, all the Angel Tree tags are taken! We might need to purchase for a few more children, so if you are interested, please contact Sharon Finley. All gifts must be wrapped WITH THE ANGEL TREE TAG ATTACHED and returned to church next weekend, December 10 & 11th. We might need a few back-up drivers to drive and deliver gifts on December 17th; if you can help, call Sharon Finley-503-707-6568. Thank you!

GLOVE, HAT & COAT COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – As part of our work with Transition Projects we will be taking two special clothing collections to help the homeless: On December 10th and 11th we'll collect new or "gently used" gloves, hats & coats; on December 17th and 18th we'll collect new socks and new or "gently used" shoes and boots. This is an opportunity to clean out your closets and help Portland's homeless stay warm this winter!

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS-Remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their name to decorate our altar this Christmas Season. Forms are available in the back of the church. Suggested donation is \$15.00.



HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- December 11th:

9:00AM: Tim & Leslie Hutchinson 11:00AM: Maura & Diarmuid O'Scannlain

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please find a substitute. Thank You!

COLLECTIONS: Thanksgiving: \$599.00 Last Sunday: \$3,181.00 CCHD Total: \$2,915.80
THANK YOU for your generosity!



At the time of John's ministry there were in the desert religious groups who multiplied purification rites. John, however, preached a unique baptism before the judgment, and that baptism was a baptism of repentance. With a prophetic insight, he sees the axe which already strikes at the foundations of the entire world.

John announces that with the coming of the kingdom, a crisis is very near, a crisis which we will only be able to face through penance, the fruit of conversion. Is he not Elijah who has come back for the conversion of all things by fire? Among his hearers, we find men of importance who will bring upon Jesus suffering and pain. John foresees them burning as straw after the harvest. But as the "Voice" of the Messiah he considers himself unworthy of preceding Jesus. His baptism is only of water, not of the Spirit.

We acknowledge our uneasiness before this hard and pure prophet. We must recognize that the God who is both awesome and merciful manifests his power both in the clap of thunder and in the gentle breeze.

The Baptist's message calls Jew and Christian to the realization that we come under God's judgment by living in God's love. "For stern as death is love. . . its flames are a blazing fire" (Song of Songs 8:6). The Baptist keeps us from taking lightly God's love for us. His gospel is an Advent text which forces us to look toward the appearance of the King, who from this day until the last day, separates the chaff from the wheat.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Second Sunday of Advent.</i> Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12.
Monday:	Isaiah 35:1-10/ Psalm 85/ Luke 5:17-26.
Tuesday:	<i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop.</i> Isaiah 40:1-11/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 18:12-14.
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:25-31/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:28-30.
Thursday:	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i> Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalm 98/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38.
Friday:	Isaiah 48:17-19/ Psalm 1/ Matthew 11:16-19.
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/ Psalm 80/ Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.
Next Sun:	<i>Third Sunday of Advent.</i> Isaiah 35:1-6, 10/ Psalm 146/ James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11:2-11.

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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.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call parish office

Marriage: Six months' notice required

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PARISH STAFF

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

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

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

RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT

Holy Family	Wednesday, December 7	7PM
St Anthony	Tuesday, December 13	7PM
St Cyril	Thursday, December 14	7PM
Our Lady of the Lake	Tuesday, December 20	7PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Family Mass	4:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Carols	9:30 pm
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	10:00 pm
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day Mass	10:00 am

Please note: There will be NO regular 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Masses on Christmas Day!

