

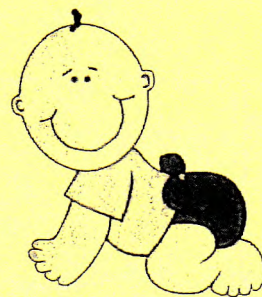


THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2017

ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Azaelia Rose Veristain-Pizarro, who will be baptized this Sunday at 9AM. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, R.C. Parajon Veristain Pizarro and Brooke Cameron Booye and her Great Uncle, Rolando Parajon.



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN--Next week, we will take a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, both locally and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps to spread the gospel message. Please take an envelope and return it with your donation next week. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE-- Please sign the list next to your name to indicate that you received your envelopes. 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. Questions/problems-call Elizabeth in the church office (503-222-2168).

CATHEDRAL SCHOOOL in NW Portland is now accepting applications for all grades, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 503-275-9370 for information or download an application from the website at www.cathedral-or.org. Cathedral will be hosting an Open House January 29th from 10-12:30 am. Come tour the school and meet the teachers and staff.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- January 14th and 15th .

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Tom & Traci Galbraith

9:00 AM – “The Sharons” (Hunt & Finley) 11:00AM – Ed & Karen McGlone

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

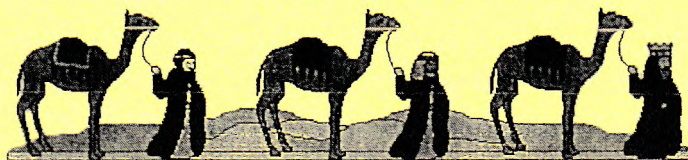
COLLECTIONS: Last Sunday \$7,024.00 Simple Supper: \$357.00.

THANK YOU!

“For the Greek word Epiphania we say Manifestatio in Latin. On this day, then, the “manifested” Redeemer of all nations has made a solemn feast for all nations. And so we are celebrating today the Manifestations of Him whose Nativity we celebrated only a few days ago.

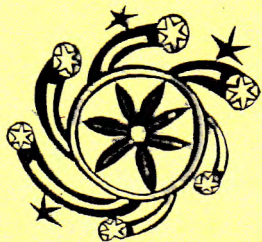
Now tradition has it that our Lord Jesus Christ, born twelve days ago, was adored by the Magi on this day. That they adored Him is a truth spoken by the Gospel; on what day they did so is proclaimed by the fact that this glorious feast is observed everywhere. For, inasmuch as the Magi were the first among the gentiles to learn of Christ the Lord, and because they, not yet benefitting from His speech, followed the star which appeared to them and which, in place of the Infant Word, spoke to their sight—like a tongue of heaven: it is but right, and right it truly is, that the Gentiles should gratefully acknowledge the day of the first fruits of their salvation, and with thanksgiving and solemn homage dedicate it to Christ the Lord.

Obviously, the first fruits of the faith and revelation of Christ among the Jews were the shepherds who, coming from the immediate vicinity, saw Him on the very day He was born. The news was given to them by the angels, to the others by the star. Glory to God in the highest was said to them; in the others there was fulfilled, The heavens tell of the glory of God. Indeed, like the beginnings of two walls coming from different directions—the circumcised and the uncircumcised—both have met at the Cornerstone, so that He might be their Peace, making both one.” (Augustine, Sermon 203, *Ancient Christian Writers*, vol. 15, Paulist, 1952, 1980, pp. 174-175.)



LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: The Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12.
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord. Isaiah 42:4, 6-7/ Psalm 29/ Matthew 3:13-17.
- Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12/ Psalm 8/ Mark 1:21-28.
- Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18/ Psalm 105/ Mark 1:29-39.
- Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-17/ Psalm 95/ Mark 1:40-45.
- Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/ Psalm 78/ Mark 2:1-12.
- Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16/ Psalm 19/ Mark 2:13-17.
- Next Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/ Psalm 40/
1 Corinthians 1:1-3/ John 1:29-34.



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

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

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in our history. In his very flesh, Jesus is the revelation of God. This is a season to celebrate a baby, but even more the manifestation - Epiphany - of God to the whole world.

The gospel warms many hearts with the story of the three visitors to Bethlehem. Following the star, they come to offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Aided by the first two readings, we can open up the meaning of this vignette. God is present in our history. This is a gift for all. Whether arriving on dromedaries from Midian and Ephah or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, whole nations shall walk by this light. In the early Church, this meant that Gentiles would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body.

Enjoying the memories and mystery of this day should thus be more than thinking about the three kings. It is also far more important than any technical debate about the translation of "magi" (Greek). They have been called kings, wise men or astrologers. In any event, they signal a day to celebrate God's manifestation of Christ Jesus. When we celebrate Epiphany, we face the mystery of Christ's identity and our response in faith. Because this revelation is universal, we are presented with a further challenge. Do we treat some as "outsiders" as if we were not co-heirs? Do we act as if epiphany were for a few?