



O come, O come Emmanuel

By day and by night,
and through every season,
you watch over us, Lord.

We praise you for this Advent wreath.
It is the evergreen crown
of your royal people,
and it shines with the promise
of eternal victory.

By the light of this wreath
We shall wait in patience
for your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who comforts our fears
and brings hope to the world.

All glory be yours
now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

ITS FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets are out for Simple Supper (which funds our monthly meals at Transition Projects) and the food bank at Immaculate Heart Parish. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

17th ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION!

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols followed by Potluck Dinner

Special Appearance by Everyone's Favorite St. Nicholas!

Please sign up in the back of the church if you would like to bring food for the potluck, help with set-up, serving or clean-up. Join us for this festive celebration!



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!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED NEXT WEEKEND!

All Angel Tree gifts must be wrapped (including gift tags) with the Angel Tree Tag securely attached. Gifts must be organized for delivery, so we need them at the church by next weekend. Problems? Please call Sharon Finley at 503-707-6568 or Elizabeth in the church office 503-222-2168.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Next weekend we'll take the annual collection that assists senior sisters, brothers and religious order priest 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!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Remember family and friends by donating a poinsettia in their name for use in our Christmas altar decorations. Forms are available in the gathering area. Suggested donation is \$15.00.

TRANSITION PROJECTS CLOTHING DRIVE ENDS THIS WEEKEND! The head honcho made an executive decision to halt the clothing drive until sometime after the new year. If you still have items to donate, hold on to them and we'll let you know when we're collecting again. Thank you for all the wonderful warm clothes donated to date. Many homeless folks will be much warmer this winter thanks to you.

Advent opens with the proclamation of its perennial promise: the Lord will come. We enter into the season of paradox, when we celebrate the long vigil we are keeping in preparation for the one who has already come.

The first Christian community lived the tension between the two comings of the Lord: that of his early ministry and that of his return at the end of time. In preparation for this Parousia of the Son of Man, which they believed to be imminent, they felt a necessity to establish themselves firmly in a holiness beyond reproach. But the Christians whom Luke addresses begin to witness the growth of a new awareness. Although Jesus is always present in the community and he comes for each person at the moment of death, the final coming is not yet. The wait is longer than anticipated.

Therefore, the attitude demanded of the faithful is one of permanent vigilance: to be ready for anything, to refuse the evil committed in darkness, to stay awake through unceasing prayer. Just as the eucharist has as its goal to proclaim the death of the Lord "until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26), so also do vigilance and prayer open us to the coming of the reign of God. They call us to stand up and raise our heads by giving us the task of putting a name on human expectation.

PORTLAND PHOENIX CHOIRS (Formerly Marylhurst Union Choir) presents **VISIONS OF NATIVITY**. Celestial and earthly visions abound in a concert of music spanning three hundred years, from Vivaldi's celebration of the announcement of the Nativity to the Virgin Mary, to David Lang's wrenching Little Match Girl Passion. Saturday, December 8th at 7:30pm at Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, 1855 South Shore Blvd in Lake Oswego.

CHOIR REHERSAL - Every Tuesday through December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: Thanksgiving: \$604; Last weekend: \$3,292;
CCHD: \$2,630 (total to date). THANK YOU!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- December 9th :

9:00AM: Maureen & Don Binzer 11:00AM: Ed & Karen McGlone

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

UPCOMING DATES

The Immaculate Conception – Vigil Mass, Friday, December 7th at 7PM

Christmas Eve – 4 PM Family Mass & 10 PM Mass (with carols preceding the service beginning at 9:30 PM)

Christmas Day – Mass at 10 AM (there will be no 8:30 am Mass)

New Year's Day – Mass at 10AM

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass : 4:00 PM

Sunday : 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Tuesday-Friday : 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT

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| Resurrection | Wednesday, December 5 | 7PM |
| Holy Family | Wednesday, December 5 | 7PM |
| St. Francis | Thursday, December 6 | 7PM |
| Our Lady of the Lake | Saturday, December 10 | 10AM |
| Our Lady of the Lake | Tuesday, December 11 | 7PM |
| St Anthony | Tuesday, December 18 | 7PM |
| St Cyril | Thursday, December 13 | 7PM |
| St John Fisher | Monday, December 17 | 7PM |
| St Clare | Wednesday, December 19 | 7PM |

THE WORD AMONG US for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is available in the gathering area along with OTHER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS. We'll also have a limited number of copies of AT HOME WITH THE WORD --Regular Print \$8.00 and Large Print \$12.00 -- available next week for purchase.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: First Sunday of Advent. Jeremiah 33:14-16/ Psalm 25/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11.

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24.

Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 15:29-37.

Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop. Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalm 118/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27.

Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalm 27/
Matthew 9:27-31.

Saturday: 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.

Next Sun: Second Sunday of Advent. Baruch 5:1-9/ Psalm 126/ Phillippians 1:4-6, 8-11/
Luke 3:1-6.