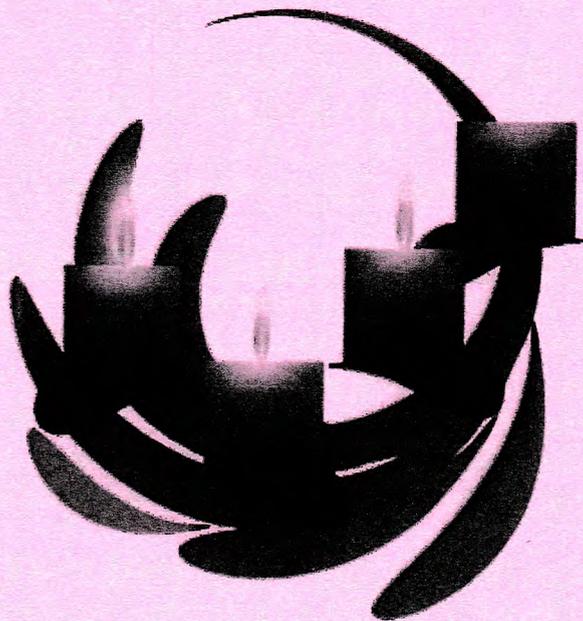


We anticipate
what is not yet
and practice now
your future
we say and sing
that all you have made
your creation is good
laboriously
so very slowly
we work out your promise
in hope and fear
and strive to build
a city of peace
a new creation
where you will be
our light, our all.

Give us strength, O God,
to persevere
and bring us to
a happy end.

Huib Oosterhuis, *Your Work is Near*, Paulist, 1968



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Thank you for your support of this fund that assists senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have offered their lives in service and prayer. If you were not prepared to give last week, we welcome donations over the next few weeks. Thank you!

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!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their name for use in our Christmas altar decorations. A list of people remembered with flowers will be posted on the bulletin board for Christmas. Forms are available on the table in the back. Suggested donation is \$15.00.

ELVES NEEDED TO HELP WATER CHRISTMAS FLOWERS!

The office is seeking two or more volunteers willing to water the poinsettias gracing our altar during the Christmas season. One good watering per week is all it takes, but it requires climbing up and down a ladder **repeatedly**. The time commitment is about an hour per week. Elves can make their own schedule, day or evening. If you can help us out, please contact Elizabeth in the office 503-222-2168.



LECTORS! The 2019 WORKBOOKS ARE HERE! All readers should pick up a workbook in the Chapel and initial the sheet next to their name.

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MAKE AN ORNAMENT and participate in our 17-year tradition of hanging their ornaments on the Christmas Tree during the Offertory at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Also, **ALL GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SING IN THE CHOIR** during the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Plan to come and join in the fun!

TRANSITION PROJECTS CLOTHING DRIVE WILL COMMENCE AGAIN IN 2019. If you have coats, hats, gloves scarfs, NEW underwear and NEW socks to donate, please hold on to them until January!

2019 WINE & CHEESE AND COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULES ARE OUT: They were emailed to most of you and copies are available on the table in the gathering area.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES will be available next weekend.

When Luke writes the gospel several decades after the Ascension, it is the Church, through the ministry of the apostles, which is conferring Christian baptism in the Spirit. His account is certainly not without a basis in history, but what interests him most is the history of salvation which continues to unfold in the primitive community. The expectation of an imminent end is fading. The Baptist's exhortations to conversion take on a new meaning. They are a challenge to transform our everyday lives.

Today Luke introduces us to crowds of people of good will from every walk of life. Attentive to the Precursor's preaching, they have become aware that they must change their lives. Like them, we ask, "What must we do?" As the prelude to any conversion, we must renounce all self-sufficiency; we must acknowledge the necessity of being pierced to the heart by a word which will draw us out of ourselves. Thus, in the circumstances of our own lives, we must accomplish the obligations of social justice, mutual aid and charity.

We join those innumerable people who open their lives to the unforeseen, to form a "people in waiting." Precursors still rise up among us. They prepare the way by setting before us the great questions of life and death. God's prophets refer to one more powerful than themselves, the one whom we await: Jesus Christ, who continually baptizes us in both fire and the Spirit.



UPCOMING DATES

Christmas Eve – 4 PM Family Mass & 10 PM Mass (with carols before the service beginning at 9:15 PM)

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

New Year's Eve - Mass at 4:00 PM (there will be no 8:30 am Mass)

New Year's Day -- Mass at 10 AM

RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT:

St. Anthony	Tuesday, December 18	7PM
St John Fisher	Monday, December 17	7PM
St Clare	Wednesday, December 19	7PM

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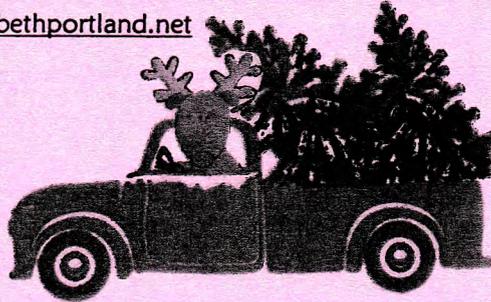
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Rev. James M. Kolb, CSP, Pastor

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass : 4:00 PM

Sunday : 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



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 few copies of AT HOME WITH THE WORD -- Large Print \$12.00 -- available next week for purchase.

COLLECTION: Last weekend: \$8,836.00 Retirement for Religious \$2,393.00
THANK YOU!

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- December 23rd:

9:00AM: Kay Fagan/Mary Adkisson/Barbara Kitzberger

11:00AM: Denise & Doug White

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

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Third Sunday of Advent.</i> Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6/ Philippians 4:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18.
Monday:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:1-17.
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8/ Psalm 72/ Matthew 1:18-25.
Wednesday:	Judges 13;2-7, 24-25a/ Psalm 71/ Luke 1:5-25.
Thursday:	Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Luke 1:26-38.
Friday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14/ Psalm 33/ Luke 1:39-45.
Saturday:	1 Samuel 1:24-28/ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Luke 1: 46-56.
Next Sun:	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent.</i> Micah 5:1-4a/ Psalm 80/ Hebrews 10:5-10/ Luke 1:39-45.