



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 1st 2019

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

IT'S FOOD SUNDAY! Our baskets are out for Simple Supper and the Food Pantry at Immaculate Heart Parish. Please be generous! Thank You!

The most wonderful event at St. Elizabeth's is just around the corner –



The 18th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration!
Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols followed by Potluck Dinner
Special Appearance by Our Very Own St. Nicholas!
Plan to join us for this festive event!
Sign-Up sheets are out. Please help however you can.

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

ANGEL TREE is a program of Prison Fellowship that reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. With your help, Angel Tree provides presents to children of an incarcerated parent(s) on behalf of that parent. The present you purchase on behalf of that parent might be the only present that child receives this Christmas. **ANGEL TREE GIFT TAGS** are available in the gathering area following each Mass this weekend. **YOU MUST SIGN** for each tag you take so that we can keep track of each gift. Please provide a gift receipt with the gift if possible, so that it may be returned if it doesn't fit, etc. Gifts should be wrapped for Christmas with the Angel Tree tag securely attached and **returned to the church by December 14-15th**. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Finley at 503-344-6005 or Pam Dunham 503-244-3074. Thank you! The Advent Edition of **THE WORD AMONG US** and other **ADVENT MEDITATION MATERIALS** are available in the gathering area. Help yourself to what you will use. We also have copies of **AT HOME WITH THE WORD** available for purchase (regular print \$7.00 and large print \$10.00).

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION READERS! Please pick up your 2020 Workbooks in the Chapel and check off your name.

Advent is a brief period of time which prepares Christians for the celebration of Christmas. Let us listen to Paul's warning, "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep, for our salvation is closer than when we first accepted the faith. The night is far spent, the day draws near."

Indeed, since the resurrection of Jesus, the life of people and society has made an irresistible change of course which rushes them toward their final end and judgment. We must decide for humanity and use all of our energy to discover our future with God. This Sunday's gospel puts us on watch. It insists that we not be in a state of unreadiness and carelessness, that we not have a false sense of security in regard to the unforeseeable coming of the Son of Man. In the days of Noah, the people were overconfident in themselves and continued with the business at hand. Then, suddenly, came the disaster: they were taken by surprise in their sleep, unconcerned with that was essential.

The image of the Lord coming as a thief in the night expresses the necessity of constant vigilance. "Here I stand, knocking at the door." (Rev. 3:20). In every age of history, the Church is in danger of failing to hear him who knocks at the door. He is there to awaken Christians to the call of the Spirit

Today, more than ever, the Church and all Christians must play the prophetic role of confronting a sleeping world which risks losing its soul. We should live so as not to be surprised by the judgment at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

WINE & CHEESE and COFFEE & DONUTS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Our after-Mass hospitality traditions desperately need more volunteers. If you have volunteered in the past, you are automatically reenlisted for 2020 (unless you contact the church office). **PLEASE help out!** Coffee & Donuts is a commitment of about 3 times per year and Wine & Cheese is only once a year. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Next weekend we will take this second collection that 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. **Please make your checks payable to St Elizabeth, with "RFR" in the memo line.** Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Remember a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their name for use in our Christmas altar decorations. Forms are available in the gathering area. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

THE TRAVELING CRIB - **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Catholic Charities is overwhelmed with your response again this year. Its diaper supply is totally replenished along with many other items so badly needed. Each and every donation will be put to good use by mothers and babies in need.

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RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT:

Our Lady of the Lake	Saturday, December 7 th	9:30am
St. Cyril	Tuesday, December 10 th	7:00pm
Resurrection	Wednesday, December 11 th	7:00pm
Sacred Heart	Saturday, December 14 th	10:00am
St. Anthony	Tuesday, December 17 th	7:00pm
Our Lady of the Lake	Wednesday, December 18 th	7:00pm
St. Clare	Thursday, December 19 th	7:00pm

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – December 8th :

9:00 AM – Pat Chandler & Wanda Halbakken

11:00 AM – Maura & Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

Collections Last Weekend: \$3,855.00 CCHD: \$3,628.00 (Total to Date)

Archdiocese for the Military: \$750.00 Thank you so much for your generosity !

LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday:	<u>First Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122/ Romans 13:11-14/ Matthew 24:37-44.
Monday:	Isaiah 4:2-6 / Psalm 122/ Matthew 8:5-11.
Tuesday:	<u>St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial).</u> Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Luke 10:21-24.
Wed:	Isaiah 25: 6-10a/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 15:29-37.
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6/ Psalm 118/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27.
Friday:	<u>St. Nicholas, Bishop.</u> Isaiah 29:17-24/ Psalm 27/ Matthew 9:27-31.
Saturday:	<u>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial).</u> Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26/ Psalm 147/ Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.
Next Sun:	<u>Second Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12.