



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22nd 2019

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Mass Schedule for the Holidays:

<i>Tuesday, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Family Mass</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Carols</i>	<i>9:15 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</i>	<i>10:00 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 31</i>	<i>New Year's Eve Mass</i>	<i>4:00 pm only (no 8:30 am Mass)</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 1</i>	<i>New Year's Day Mass</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>



ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MAKE AN ORNAMENT and participate in our 18-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 on coming and join in the fun!

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—This weekend is your last chance to 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 \$10.00.

ANGEL TREE—A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Angel Tree program this year. Our organizers, callers, drivers, and gift-givers all did a fantastic job! Thanks for helping to make the Angel Tree program a great success year after year!

HELP NEEDED TO WATER OUR POINSETTIAS! We need two volunteers willing to water the poinsettias on 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. You can make your own schedule, day or evening. If you can help out, please contact Elizabeth at 503-222-2168.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS is happening at the Grotto until December 30th from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. Tickets are sold at the gate.

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER AT ST. ELIZABETH'S! We need your help to keep our Parish vibrant and running smoothly. COFFEE & DONUTS can always use more hands and there are 5 weekends open for WINE & CHEESE next year. Also, the LINENS committee has 3 months to fill. Please help out! There are sign-up sheets in the gathering area.

In the history of Israel, the exodus event shaped the story of creation. In the formation of the gospels, the memory of Christ's death and rising shaped the accounts of his birth and infancy. Much more than stories about a precocious child with remarkable relatives, the infancy narratives are the clear expression of the early Church's belief that, from the first moment of Jesus' conception, God was working in him.

In relating the annunciation to Joseph, Matthew does not intend to consider the psychological reactions of his character. He simply wishes to answer the question, "Who is the Messiah?" For Matthew, "who will save the people from their sins," is the ultimate inheritor of Israel, and it is Joseph who introduces him to the royal line of David.

Informed from the beginning about the impending birth, Joseph believed at first that he must remove himself from this mystery in which he thought he would have no role to play. Then God intervened. Indeed, the child whom Mary carried "comes from the Holy Spirit." But it is up to Joseph to assure Jesus' legal status by accepting him as his own son and giving him his name. It is necessary that through Joseph the house of David recognized in this son "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14).

We readily designate birth "a joyous event." What should be said about waiting for this child in which Joseph plays a humble but indispensable role? The question here is not the history of one family among others, but the history of "God-with-us," the history of salvation.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE GATHERING AREA- If you used envelopes last year, your name is on the list. Please sign next to your name to indicate that you received your envelopes. There are some unassigned boxes that are highlighted in yellow. 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. If we run out of unassigned boxes, give Elizabeth a call in the church office (503-222-2168) and she'll get you envelopes. **NOTE: Some numbers have changed this year, so please make certain you take the correct box.**



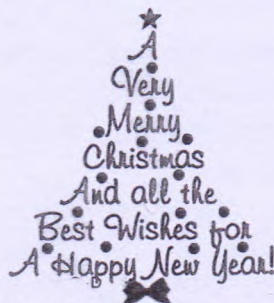
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HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND – December 28th & 29th :

Wine & Cheese: Gretchen & Jim Dann

9:00 AM – Skip & Nita King

11:00 AM – Cathy & Mark Myers

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

Collections Last Weekend: Regular Collection: \$5,350.50

Retirement for Religious \$3118.00 (Total to Date)

Thank you for your generosity !

LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24/ Romans 1:1-7/
Matthew 1:18-24.

Monday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/ Psalm 25/ Luke 1:57-66.

Tuesday: Isaiah 9:1-6/ Psalm 96/ Titus 2:11-14/ Luke 2:1-14.

Wed: The Nativity of the Lord. Isaiah 62:11-12/ Psalm 97/ Titus 3:4-7/
Luke 2:15-20.

Thursday: St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast). Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Psalm 31/
Matthew 10:17-22.

Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast). 1 John 1:1-4/ Psalm 97/
John 20:1a, 2-8.

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast). 1 John 1:5-2:2/ Psalm 124/
Matthew 2:13-18.

Next Sun: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast). Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/
Psalm 128/ Colossians 3:12-17/ Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.