



THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 29, 2019
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church



Happy New Decade!



We will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm on New Year's Eve and
10:00 am on New Year's Day.

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My thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations! Our choir sang beautifully and with gusto, and the liturgists were wonderful. As always, our decorators did a marvelous job making our church beautiful and festive. We'll continue to enjoy their handiwork for the next few weeks.

Also, my thanks to everyone for all your joyous Christmas wishes, cards, gifts and kindnesses. I am blessed to be in your company! My God richly bless us all this New Year and always.

-- Fr. Jim



NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Epiphany means manifestation. It is the celebration of the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, the Lord is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore him. Christian tradition views the Magi as the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. The adoration of the Magi marks the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALSO FOOD SUNDAY – Our baskets will be out for Simple Supper Donations and the Food Bank at Immaculate Heart Parish.

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 yellow highlighted 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).

HOSPITALITY HOSTS NEEDED IN 2020! If you can help by hosting Coffee & Donuts or Wine & Cheese, please sign-up in the gathering area or call Elizabeth in the office 503-222-2168.

“Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.” We must see all our activities as linked with God’s work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God’s presence in even the most “secular” places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should all find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be in caring for an ageing parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The particular historical applications remind us that the ideals need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and submissive wives remind us of a former time, we are challenged to see what a happy home can be for us. How will our relationship evolve if we do all in the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year present a variety of episodes in Jesus’ early life. His happy home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God’s will, they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A). Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of Israel. Even here, Simeon’s words show the swords of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to hear God’s word, must encounter the challenges of his life (year B). Jesus’ later visit to the temple presages his destiny and the tension this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary and Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own history, we must do all in the name of this present One.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—Thanks to everyone who made donations to the memorial poinsettias decorating our church. The names of those remembered are listed on the bulletin board in the gathering space. Those remembered will be included in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass during the Christmas Season.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE IN THE BEGINNING - This one-day program is a step in the process of moving forward for those who are recently widowed, divorced, or separated. Lay ministry team members of Beginning Experience of Oregon will present topics that address being alone, loneliness, the grief process, trusting one’s self, and next steps. **Saturday, Jan 25, 2020, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm; Cost: \$35** (includes lunch & snacks) at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church – Small Hall, 25 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR. **Pre-registration REQUIRED - deadline January 20th.** Contact JoAnne @ 503-476-4796.

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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.

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HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND – January 5, 2020:

9AM – Maryla & Greg Kaminski 11AM- Vicki & Jan Grorud

COLLECTIONS: Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$6,297.00
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: \$6,597.00
THANK YOU!!!

LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Psalm 128/ Colossians 3:12-17 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.
Monday: 1 John 2:12-17/ Psalm 96/ Luke 2:36-40.
Tuesday: 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/ John 1:1-18.
Wed: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21.
Thursday: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church (Memorial). 1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28.
Friday: 1 John 2:29-3:6/ Psalm 98/ John 1:29-34.
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious. 1 John 3:7-10/ Psalm 98/ John 1:35-42.
Next Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Matthew 2:1-12.