



**“Darkness shall  
not frighten us  
or distress wear  
us out; we will  
go on waiting,  
watching and  
praying until the  
star rises”**

**—Fr. Delp**

Written while imprisoned  
as a member of the  
German resistance.

--Advent 1944

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church**



**UPCOMING:**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:** Family Mass at 4:00 pm;

“Midnight” Mass at 10:00 pm with Carols starting at 9:15pm.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:** Christmas Day at 10:00am.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:** January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

***A HUGE THANK YOU*** to everyone who helped make this year's ***ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION*** such a festive and fun event! From the choir to the furniture movers, the readers to the cooks, the kitchen help to the decorators, we couldn't have done it without you! As always, special thanks to our very own St. Nicholas for showing up for the 18<sup>th</sup> year in a row! You all make St. Elizabeth a very unique and wonderful parish.

**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 today, we will continue to take donations over the next few weeks. Thank you!

**READERS - Your 2020 WORKBOOKS ARE HERE!** All readers should pick up a workbook in the Chapel and initial the sheet next to their name.

**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 \$10.00.

**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 to come and join in the fun!



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).



At the time of John's ministry there were in the desert religious groups who multiplied purification rites. John, however, preached a unique baptism before the judgment, and that baptism was a baptism of repentance. With a prophetic insight, he sees the axe which already strikes at the foundations of the entire world.

John announces that with the coming of the kingdom, a crisis is very near, a crisis which we will only be able to face through penance, the fruit of conversion. Is he not Elijah who has come back for the conversion of all things by fire? Among his hearers, we find men of importance who will bring upon Jesus suffering and pain. John foresees them burning as straw after the harvest. But as the "Voice" of the Messiah he considers himself unworthy of preceding Jesus. His baptism is only of water, not of the Spirit.

We acknowledge our uneasiness before this hard and pure prophet. We must recognize that the God who is both awesome and merciful manifests his power both in the clap of thunder and in the gentle breeze.

The Baptist's message calls Jew and Christian to the realization that we come under God's judgment by living in God's love. "For stern as death is love. . . its flames are a blazing fire" (Song of Songs 8:6). The Baptist keeps us from taking lightly God's love for us. His gospel is an Advent text which forces us to look toward the appearance of the King, who from this day until the last day, separates the chaff from the wheat.

### THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

*Dear St Elizabeth Parishioners,*

*Thank you for another amazingly successful year of supporting the Traveling Crib! The van was filled 3 times with diapers, clothes, blankets, and other baby items that will be graciously received by our clients. Without the support of parishes, we would not be able to walk alongside the women and families to bring them comfort, counseling, and support. It is with your generosity that we are able to impact lives - one diaper at time.*

*Blessing to you this Advent Season.*

*--- Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Parenting Staff*

### WINE & CHEESE and COFFEE & DONUTS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Our after-Mass hospitality traditions 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.



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## RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT:

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

## HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND – December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:

Wine & Cheese – David & Elizabeth Barberis

9:00 AM – Garrett & Michelle Call

11:00 AM – Denise & Doug White

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

Collections Last Weekend: \$5,268.00 Simple Supper: \$331.00 (Includes

Thanksgiving collection) CCHD: \$4,000.00 (Total to Date)

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

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday:	<u>Second Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12.
Monday:	<u>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</u> Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Psalm 98/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38.
Tuesday:	Isaiah 40:1-11/ Psalm 96/ Matthew 18:12-14.
Wed:	<u>St. Damasus I, Pope.</u> Isaiah 40:25-31/ Psalm 103/ Matthew 11:28-30.
Thursday:	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast).</u> Zechariah 2:14-17/ Judith 13:18b-e, 19/ Luke 1:26-38.
Friday:	<u>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr (Memorial).</u> Isaiah 48:17-19/ Psalm 1/ Matthew 11:16-19.
Saturday:	<u>St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church (Memorial).</u> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/ Psalm 80/ Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.
Next Sun:	<u>Third Sunday of Advent.</u> Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10/ Psalm 146/ James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11: 2-11.