

# St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

December 27, 2020

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## Holy Eucharist to Sick & Shut-ins

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## Mission Statement

St. Edward is a welcoming Catholic Parish embracing God our Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. We gather in **Faith** to give glory and praise to God as a worshipping community. We gather in **Hope** to educate, form and nurture spiritual growth of our individual parishioners, families, and community through the administration of the sacraments, catechesis, prayer and devotion and fellowship. We gather in **Charity** to provide social outreach in our works of mercy.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2023 (Chair)  
Dian Duyck 2019-2022 (Vice Chair)  
Kristina Heagh-Avritt 2018-2021  
(Secretary)  
John Reding 2020-2023  
Bob VanderZanden 2018-2021  
Patrick Weis 2019-2022

### Confessions:

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation  
At St. Edward by appointment only

### Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm  
Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am  
Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

1st Wednesday of the month, following  
9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm

### Funeral Service

*Contact the parish office before making any funeral arrangements involving St. Edward Church facilities. The office will involve Father Michael as soon as possible. Thank you.*

### Infant Baptism

*Before scheduling a date for baptism, parents must be registered members of St. Edward Parish and attend a baptism preparation class. To register for a baptism class and for more information, contact the parish office. An appointment will be scheduled with Father Michael.*

### Matrimony

*Couples are asked to contact the parish office. The office will then send a letter explaining parish policies and an information form to be filled out and returned. No date can be set until there is a conference with the parish priest, at least six months prior to the wedding.*

### Parish Hall Use

*If any parish committee, ministry, or group is planning a meeting or gathering in the parish hall, it is important that you call Nancy in the parish office for availability.*

*Mass Intentions can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.*

### Bulletin Announcements

*The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.*

Dear Parishioners,

With the Apostolic Letter "*Patris corde*" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. For this reason, from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, he has designated it as the Year of Saint Joseph.

As I shared with the students at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School during the celebration of the Mass for December 18, when an angel is sent by God, it usually means there is a task that must be done. In the life of St. Joseph, an angel appears to him three times.

The first time is when St. Joseph who has plans to divorce Mary quietly, is instructed to take Mary into his home. The second time, the angel warns St. Joseph of King Herod's bounty on Jesus' head and so the Holy Family flees to Egypt. Finally, the third time, the angel informs St. Joseph that it is safe to return to Galilee as King Herod has died.

Each time, St. Joseph responds with a *silent* obedience to what has been asked of him. I emphasize *silent* because there is no record in Sacred Scripture of St. Joseph saying a word. We know that St. Joseph can and is able to speak, but his words are powerfully spoken through his actions.

St. Joseph's quiet, strong, and resilient witness is quite heroic and refreshing in a world where those in leadership position live by a "do what I say, but don't do what I do" model. Through action, St. Joseph shows that he is the protector, provider and guardian of his wife and family. He lives his vocation without seeking any fanfare, spotlight, and recognition. His only concern is getting the job done.

And during this difficult year of 2020 with COVID-19, according to Pope Francis, St. Joseph "has helped us see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day." These people who are our frontline workers, essential workers like teachers, and just ordinary family and friends or even neighbors, get the job done. These are the Josephs in our midst who deal with life's challenges, obstacles, pains, sufferings and struggles who place their faith and trust in God's providence.

As we begin this new calendar year of 2021 in this Year of Saint Joseph, we are invited to pray through his intercession. I invite you to pray this prayer as a family in your homes. At the weekend Masses, the lector will be reciting this prayer after the Welcoming so we can place ourselves under the care of Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

Blessed Christmas and New Year,  
Fr. Michael

## This Week

### Saturday, December 26th

**Confessions** by appointment at St. Edward

**Confessions** 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: RIP Pete Reimers*

### Sunday, December 27th

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

### Tuesday, December 29th

**Parish Office Closed**

### Wednesday, December 30th

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: RIP Barbara Kindel*

**Parish Office Closed**

**No Religious Education Classes**

### Friday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Mass** 9:00 am

*Intentions: Paes Family Thanksgiving*

### Saturday, January 2nd

**Confessions** by appointment at St. Edward

**Confessions** 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

**Vigil Mass** 5:30 pm

*Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward*

### Sunday, January 3rd

**Mass** 9:15 am

*Intentions: RIP Laura Beall*

## New Year's Day Mass

Please contact Nancy Vandehey (503) 647-2131 (office) or (503) 706-0641 (cell) to sign up. The church and the satellite location will be open.

January 1 at 9:00 am New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God Mass

## Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4,373.00
Offertory total for 12/19 & 12/20:	\$10,350.00
Online total:	\$2,460.00
Over (Under):	\$8,437.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$180.00

## FORMED.ORG

We have renewed our annual subscription. Please add this FREE Catholic resource as part of your media platform. Go online to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: **HWNN8P** and create your own personal login and password to begin enjoying the free content.

If you have any problems logging in or accessing your account, please contact Julia, Parish Care for FORMED, [parishcare@formed.org](mailto:parishcare@formed.org) or call 1-844-367-6331 and provide the Parish Code **HWNN8P** under our registered name St. Francis of Assisi, Banks, Oregon for all three parishes.

### **Pick of the Month**

Fr. Michael's Pick:  
"The Virtue of Patience Amidst Chaos"

As we begin this season of Advent, we are called to be alert, awake, and vigilant which requires PATIENCE. In this episode of FORMED Now!, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School, sit down to discuss the virtue of patience. This conversation talks about the role of patience in the Christian life, how it is expressed, the difficulties of exercising it, and how to practically grow in the virtue of patience.

Run Time: 18 minutes

### **USDA Food Box Program Update**

The USDA through Pacific Coast Fruit is in Phase 4 of food boxes distribution from November 1 through December 31, 2020 at Hillsboro High School.

### **Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign**

The Neighborhood meeting was a success. We are moving forward with scheduling a meeting with the North Plains City Planners. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

## **Religious Education**

### **Grades 1-5 (Including 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep)**

Next class date to be announced.

### **Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)**

Meets Sunday, January 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

### **High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)**

Meets Sunday, January 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Liturgy of the Hours and Service Project. Live streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

### **High School Youth Confirmation**

Meets Sunday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist Part II: Real and True Presence. Please contact Laura Nevis at (503) 575-5608 or email [lnevis@farthing.com](mailto:lnevis@farthing.com).

### **RCIA**

No meeting Sunday, December 27 nor January 3. Enjoy Christmas and New Year's!

### **Found**

A set of keys was found in the cemetery. Please call the parish office at (503) 647-2131 to claim.

## **Missionaries of the Holy Spirit**

Fr. Roberto Saldivar is at Marysville Rehabilitation Center in Beaverton. He still has a long road to recovery but he is moving in the right direction. Let us continue to pray for his health through the intercession of Venerable Felix of Jesus Rougier.

*Merciful Father, in your goodness, I confidently ask, through the intercession of Venerable Father Felix of Jesus Rougier, the complete recovery of Fr. Roberto Saldivar, Missionary of the Holy Spirit. Glorify your servant on earth so that all priests, religious men and women, and laity, inspired by his example, may be transformed into your son, Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim. May all be for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity, the holiness of your priestly people, and the building of your kingdom on earth. Amen.*

### **Live Streaming of Masses**

The Archdiocese of Portland will continue to live stream the 11:00 am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception every week until the gather restrictions have been lifted.

Go to <https://archdpx.org/live-masses>.

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746, password: HolyMass

Friday, January 1 - 9:00 am Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day Mass

Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 970 1739 4694, password: HolyMass

### **The Wonder of the Giving Tree**

A friend of Bishop Steiner, Fr. Peter O'Brien, once asked, "What is our parish doing for the poor?" The 2020 Giving Tree is an amazing answer to Fr. Peter's question.

With few parishioners worshipping in person and finances tight for many, St. Edward still provided 21 local families with food and gifts at the highest level yet. Together with Safeway gift cards from Jesuit/Lincoln/Central Catholic schools, food from St. Vincent de Paul, and a \$1000 donation from the community, the generous donations from our parishioners allowed us to provide these additional gifts for each family: \$100 Family Friendly WINCO card and \$150 payment on their PGE electric bill.

There is one additional thing we can do for these families and all others like them: remember them in our thoughts and prayers every day, not just during Christmas!



### **Mass Sign-Up Update:**

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SIGN UP FOR MASSES WITH CONTACT LIST. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. ONCE THE CAPACITY LIMIT (WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING) HAS BEEN MET IN THE CHURCH, THE HALL WILL BE OPEN.

We are reminded that mask/face coverings are REQUIRED with the only exception of disability or medical reason. Please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation.