

St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

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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,

As we transition into Ordinary Time, this weekend's Gospel invites us to ask: which are more important - words or actions? We have heard of such expressions as, "Actions speak louder than words," and "He's all talk and no action." As well as "You talk the talk, but can you walk the walk?", and "Put your money where your mouth is."

But at the same time, we can think of times in which words have power too. Words hurled in anger, cruel gossip someone overheard, a stupid joke that left a scar on someone's memory, or a lie told to a trusting friend. As a result, we desperately wish we never said it and could take it back.

We can also think of words we would give part of our soul to have the chance to say. Words of apology to lost friends, words of gratitude to deceased parents, words of forgiveness to a child and words of love to a spouse. For many of us, regret for what we left unspoken far outweighs shame over what we said.

Certainly, actions are important, but our experience teaches us that words are too. Each have their place in a mature life, each play a role in the Christian calling. Sometimes, of course, there is nothing to say, and so silence is best. What can you really say to parents who have lost a child, to a spouse who has been betrayed, to a friend who has been told there are no medical treatments left to try? At such times, we know words are not necessary as much as just standing and being there by the side of our suffering friend is the best we can do.

But sometimes, something must be said, and so silence is wrong. President Lincoln needed to go to the cemetery at Gettysburg but he also needed to speak, and his words have moved countless hearts since that day. If our family is attacked, our friends ridiculed, our religion slandered, shall we say nothing? When we see injustice, should we not cry out?

So, it is with today's Gospel. Action and words both have their place. There is Jesus walking by. He isn't speaking. He's just walking. Who is He? Is He important? He doesn't appear special, but then John the Baptist speaks: "Behold! There is the Lamb of God!"

And the two disciples with John hear this, and they begin to follow Jesus. John's words are so effective that his disciples leave him to follow someone else. Without those words, Jesus would have walked by and John's disciples would not have been the wiser.

One of those disciples was Andrew. After spending some time with Jesus, what is the first thing he does? He goes and finds his brother, Peter, and tells him, "We have found the Messiah." And because of Andrew's words, Peter acts. Peter leaves everything behind and follows Christ.

We are called upon to do the same: to point Christ out to people, as John and Andrew did. This is what Jesus wants: disciples who say the right things and do the right things, who both proclaim His word and imitate His example, who offer a sacrifice of praise to God and a sacrifice of time to those in need. Christ doesn't want our actions to just speak louder than our words. Rather, He wants them BOTH to loudly proclaim the same thing equally: "We have found the Messiah!" This is the challenge before us in the Gospel.

Have a Blessed Week!
Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, January 16th

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 17th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Julie Herinckx

Middle School Youth Group meets 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation

Monday, January 18th

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 20th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Pete Reimers

Religious Education Classes to be announced

Saturday, January 23rd

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Ann Wilson

Sunday, January 24th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Youth Group meets 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message.

Support the collection today.

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/lccc.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

City of North Plains Planners design review meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 10. Please pray for a successful meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 1/9 & 1/10:	\$2500.00
Online total:	\$1315.00
Over (Under):	(\$558.00)

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Changed Forever: The Sacrament of Baptism" by Fr. Mike Schmidt

As we transition from the Christmas Season into Ordinary Time with the Feast of the Baptism, Fr. Schmidt explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the Sacrament of Baptism. Run Time: 59 minutes.

USDA Food Box Program Update

USDA announced the continuation of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, Fifth Round of Food Purchases. Solicitations to existing distributors are expected to be issued by the end of the week, with contract awards expected to be made by January 19. Deliveries will begin shortly after awards are issued and continue through the end of April.

Mass Sign-Up Update

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SIGN UP FOR MASSES WITH CONTACT LIST. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. ONCE THE CAPACITY LIMIT HAS BEEN MET IN THE CHURCH, SATELLITE LOCATIONS 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.

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 will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, January 31 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Confirmation and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

Meets Sunday, January 17 from noon to 1:00 pm in Visitation School Cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "Sacrament of the Eucharist Part I: The Mass."

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://archdpdx.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

Prayers for Fr. Roberto and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Fr. Roberto Saldivar returned home this week to the MSpS Convent in Roy. Let us continue to pray for his full recovery 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.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelope boxed sets for 2021 are available in the parish office. Please stop by the office to request a box.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Wreath Recycling

There is a box in the vestibule of the church to recycle wreaths.

Coping with Life Alone

Coping with Life Alone is a support ministry designed to strengthen and assist those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce. This is a virtual ten-week program intended to aid persons dealing with this significant life adjustment.

Join from the privacy and comfort of your own home for the Zoom presentations and discussions (internet access required).

Date: Saturday Sessions begin February 20, 2021

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am (8:45 am sign-in)

Cost: \$55.00

Pre-registration Deadline: January 31, 2021

Contact: beginningexperienceoforegon.org



Parish Secretary

St. Matthew is looking for a cheerful, bi-lingual (English/Spanish) Parish Secretary. The position is full-time, Monday - Friday; 8 am - 5 pm, and is benefitted. The successful candidate will be fluent in English and Spanish - speaking, writing, and publishing; have a proven ability to work efficiently in a busy office; be proficient in Word and Publisher; experience with database software required; and have 2 - 3 years experience in a busy office. High contact with the public and parishioners; commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church required. Please send resume to Becky Smith at bsmith@stmatthewhillsboro.org or fax to 503-648-4489 to apply.