

St. Edward Parish

North Plains, Oregon

March 7, 2021

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.

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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,

During a conversation with my priest friend, Abbot Marion Nguyen, OSB, I served as his sound board for a mini retreat/presentation that he was preparing for a group of Benedictine Oblates. He shares a Pew research center survey stating that fasting is one of the most minimized and underutilized parts of a Catholic plan of life.

The data suggests that many Catholics fast only two days a year, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and even on those days legalistically have one big meal and eat throughout the rest of the day just up to the limit of what would constitute a second meal.

If this is accurate, the practice of fasting is the equivalent of praying for a few minutes a day, although it is a good action, but far from the heroism that forms saints. Or at least does not resemble at all Jesus' fasting in the desert or the fasting of the Ninevites after Jonah's preaching as recorded in Sacred Scripture.

As Abbot Marion pointed out, this is why the Church emphasizes the discipline of fasting as an important spiritual tool that Satan abhors. There is a reason why the devil's first temptation toward Jesus during His 40-day desert retreat is against His fasting. Basically, the devil was trying to get Jesus to prioritize His material hungers by using His gifts to convert stones into bread. The devil does not want us to fast either.

Fasting is motivated by love for God, a God who seeks to bring us to hunger for what He hungers. God hungers for us to hunger for holiness. God hungers for us to hunger to share our bread for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, shelter for the homeless, clothes for the naked, care and concern for the sick and imprisoned.

As soon as we understand this, the effects are two-fold. First, we appreciate what God has given and blessed us. Second, we have a greater compassion for those who are less fortunate. This in turn is the fuel that fires the discipline of almsgiving (which I will address more in depth in the next Pastor's Notes).

So, if you want to spiritually enhance your discipline of fasting during this Lent, take up Abbot Marion's suggestion and recommendation for his monks. That is, consider during Lent to fast from the following: 1) to drink only water (and diluted coffee if they really need the caffeine); 2) to give up all condiments on food (salt, pepper, sugar, butter, ketchup, salad dressing); and 3) to forsake all sweets and avoid snacks between meals.

Although, this type of fast will often go totally unnoticed by others, it provides dozens of small, simple and subtle opportunities every day to practice holy self-denial, and according to Abbot Marion, will help us to pray in the body of a liturgy of the hours that will open our souls to be more aware and attuned to God's presence, movements, and graces in our daily lives.

Have a Blessed Lenten Week!
~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, March 6th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Tim Spiering

Sunday, March 7th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Confirmation meets 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation

Wednesday, March 10th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Pete Kelly

Religious Education Classes grades 1-5, 3:15-4:10 pm

Friday, March 12th

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm in the church

Saturday, March 13th

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, March 14th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Intentions of Stewart & Ann King Family

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

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 2/27 & 2/28:	\$5617.00
Online total:	\$1580.00
Over (Under):	\$2854.00

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ"

In this year of Saint Joseph and in this month of March (March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary), this is the first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of man - to be the husband, father and protector of the Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ. Please note that parental guidance is suggested as some scenes may not be suitable for all audiences (Run Time: 97 minutes).

USDA Food Box Program Update

USDA announced continuation of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, Fifth Round of Food Purchases. Solicitations to existing distributors have begun as of January 27 and continue through the end of April.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The City of North Plains Planners design review was successful. The committee will be scheduling a meeting to go through the final approved report. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

Friday Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm on the following Fridays:

3/12, 3/19, & 3/26

Religious Education

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

Next class Wednesday, March 10 from 3:15-4:10 pm.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Meets Sunday, March 14 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Lenten Cross 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, March 14 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Lenten Cross Project. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Meets Sunday, March 7 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Catholic Moral Life. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

Meets Sunday, March 7 from noon to 1:00 pm in Visitation school cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

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 [Livestreamed Mass in the Archdiocese](#).

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, passcode: HolyMass

Friday Stations of the Cross is live streaming at 7:00 pm in Verboort. Meeting ID: 990 7138 5973, passcode: Cross

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

Fr. Roberto Saldivar is home and rehabbing at 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.

40 Cans for 40 Days

Thank you to everyone who has donated to date - we are making a difference! Some of the most desired products are: any canned foods, rice, beans, and pancake mix. Non-food products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and toiletries are also much appreciated. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Hillsboro and place in the offertory collection.

Thank you for helping the needy in our area.

2021 ACA (Archbishop's Catholic Appeal)

Due to COVID-19 Guidelines, the Archdiocese encourages you to mail in the pledge card, paid postage envelope is included. There is also an online giving option by going to www.archdpx.org and selecting the link 2021 ACA. Any pledge cards placed in the offertory basket will be forwarded to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your support of this year's Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

"Fasting and Abstinence Regulations" for the Archdiocese of Portland

- All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday.
- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

Inez Griffels
Memorial Blood Drive
sponsored by the
St. Edward Catholic Church
& North Plains Community

St. Edward Parish Hall

Thursday, April 29th
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org; sponsor code: NorthPlainsComm



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