

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 I shared on Easter Sunday, the focus for preachers during the Easter season, and rightly so, is to speak about Easter Joy! Our 40 days and 40 nights of the Lenten journey is complete. The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) within Holy Week of the unfolding the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Jesus' victory over sin and death. There is a reason why we rejoice and exclaim, "Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

But at the same time, if we stay true to the Easter morning revelation as well as post Easter encounters with the risen Lord and His disciples, we cannot overlook Easter fear. On Easter Sunday morning, the women who arrive at the empty tomb and discovering that He is not there, their responses were either to run off, to question the gardener who they did not realize it was Jesus, or they were met with angels assuring them that what Jesus had said over and over again in His 3-year ministry was true, He would rise from the dead in 3 days.

So that joy of coming to believe what Jesus said is accompanied with fear as well. The fear that comes with the realization that a change in our lives is essential. If Christ is truly risen, it demands that all of us live and witness our lives differently. The world that we once knew, will be and never shall be the same when we live in the reality of Jesus' resurrection. We should see the world differently, see others with a different perspective, and live anew.

It is no different when we receive a promotion or start a new job. Or when we welcome an addition into our family, like a new child. Or when we fall in love and we are smitten over this relationship of new possibilities. There is overwhelming joy, but also that fear of do we have the skillsets to complete the job, to be a good and nurturing parent, or to be generous in our love, fidelity, and ability to forgive that other person and be selfless and self-giving unconditionally.

The fears that are attached to that joy are not only natural, but also confirms the importance of the new role, vocation, and potential that is before us. This is what happens in the post-Resurrection accounts, the disciples are trying to balance the joy of the resurrection announced and witnessed as well as the fear of the expectation and demands of knowing, living, and sharing that Good News to the world that is very incredulous and indifferent to this Truth.

Now the real challenge is always this. If we believe in God and we believe in the resurrection, we are to live as an Easter people. But when it comes to making the necessary changes, we must avoid trying to do it ourselves. We think that our strategy and efforts can break a habit of sin or make us more generous. But that is seldom the case. What we need is not different plans or more willpower. What we need is to entrust ourselves to God.

In other words, we admit our weakness and inability to change, and ask God to transform us. When we say, "Lord, I have been so hurt by that person that I cannot bend to forgive. I need you to bend me, so that I can let go of this hate. Lord, I have put such high expectations on my spouse and my children, that they are harming my relationships. I need you to loosen my expectations, so I can love the people in my life as they are, rather than how I want them to be. Lord, I am so quick to judge others because of their religious, social, and political viewpoint, and that fills me with anger. Lord, I need you to quiet those prejudices, so that I can live in peace again."

When we are helpless, God promises to change us. God promises to

Pastor's Notes Continued

write, in a new way, on our hearts which can only be done when we are in relationship with Him. This is why He not only shows the wounds on His hands, feet, and side but also asks for a piece of fish to eat to reaffirm that He is truly real and present and desiring a relationship with us. A relationship that He can take both our joys and fears and help us to change, be converted, and live as an Easter people.

Blessed Easter season,
~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, April 17th

Confessions by appointment at St. Edward

Confessions 4:00-4:30 pm at Visitation

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Cyril Paes

Sunday, April 18th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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

Wednesday, April 21st

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions of Louis Bertrand Strauss

Religious Education Classes 3:15-4:10 pm

Saturday, April 24th

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, April 25th *First Communion*

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Julie Herinckx

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 4/10 & 4/11:	\$2118.00
Online total:	\$625.00
Over (Under):	(\$1630.00)

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:
"The Shroud of Turin"

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Francis Peffley to discuss the Holy Shroud of Turin. This miraculous shroud is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. Throughout this conversation, they talk about the scientific evidence for the authenticity of the shroud, its history, and how the shroud can help us meditate on the person of Christ and his passion (Run Time: 18 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 committee has reviewed the final report from the City of North Plains. We are now moving to final design and the supporting engineering specs. 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 Wednesday, April 21 from 3:15-4:10 pm.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Sunday, May 16 from 1:30-3:30 pm for End of the Year Activity at Tree-to-Tree Adventures in Gaston. Please RSVP with Laura Nevis (Inevis@farthing.com or 503-575-5608) to reserve a spot and complete permission forms. Groups will be arranged in pods with adult chaperones that will have an assigned guide to lead the pod through the aerial course. COVID-19 and safety protocols will be followed according to Tree-to-Tree Adventure Staff.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, April 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Visitation church for Divine Mercy Chaplet. Live streaming via Zoom will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

Mama Meals

If you love to cook, consider joining St. Edward's Mama Meals ministry. We are a group of volunteers who each make and deliver a meal to parish families welcoming a new baby. This is a great way to meet the newest members of the parish, as well as serve a parish family during the unique time of adjusting to life with a new baby. If you are interested in volunteering, or are expecting a baby in the coming months and are interested in receiving meals, please contact Lisa Thompson at 503-544-1042 or LisaSwaja@gmail.com.

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

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

Prayer for Fr. Roberto during his recovery:

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.

**Calling all Men of Faith - fathers, brothers, sons, husbands, priests and deacons.
Our Lord is Calling YOU!**

Register now for the Men's Silent Retreat on April 30-May 2 with Retreat Master Fr. Augustine Hilander, OP. The theme is: "How to love Jesus more through devotion to His HOLY NAME." Retreat rate is \$200 which covers the retreat, lodging and all meals. Seating is limited, so please REGISTER EARLY! Register online at www.olpretreat.org or call for more information at 503-649-7127.

Hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Join us at Our Lady of Peace Retreat for this uplifting Men's Retreat!

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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