

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 4:30-5:15 pm

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 promised from last week's Pastor's Notes, this third installment of our 4-week series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation will address how to prepare for the Sacrament. Before I begin on the nuts and bolts, any examination of the praxis of the Sacrament must begin with a brief discussion upon the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love that help us to relate to Him.

First, Faith is required in trusting God's working in our life that can change and transform us as well as have faith that God will grant us His mercy through His ordained instruments of the priest. Second, hope assures us we receive a fresh start when we commit ourselves to turn back to Him with all our mind, heart and soul. Finally, love of God which makes us regret any action, word, thought or omission that injures our relationship with Him.

The three theological virtue orders us properly for us to confess and places us in the correct frame to begin the very first step which is a good examination of conscience. An examination of conscience focuses us to look at our behaviors in light of our words, thoughts, and deeds when we fail to act in doing good and avoiding evil. These moral failures weaken our relationship with God and others.

Many are trained to engage in an examination of conscience done through the lens of the 10 Commandments. The first three examining our love for God and next seven on our love of neighbor. There are many resources that are available that focus one's examination of conscience around the 10 Commandments (for a printable resource go to www.missionariesofmercyusa.org and select the tab "Sacrament of Reconciliation" and choose the link to Examination of Conscience for Adult or Teens).

Now, for those seasoned penitents that have built a solid foundation of a good habit of partaking of the Sacrament and find themselves through the grace of God triumphing over sin outlined in the 10 Commandments can sometimes hit a wall. For this reason, the practical advice St. Teresa of Calcutta, affectionately known as Mother Teresa, used to tell her confreres to reflect on the 7 deadly sins, i.e., the roots of all sin, or reflect upon the works of mercy (7 corporal and 7 spiritual), or examination from the criteria of the Beatitudes or the virtue and qualities of love from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 13.

This good practice of Examination of Conscience can be done not only in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but also placed in daily practice especially before one goes to bed. The next step after an Examination is the element of sorrow. This aspect is not spoken much, but it is a very key ingredient.

Sorrow, also known as contrition, can be categorized as perfect and imperfect. Perfect contrition is when we acknowledge that we have wounded another person or our God and the pain of hurting the other throbs through our mind, heart, and soul. The second type of sorrow, is imperfect contrition which prompts us to feel guilt and regret from fear of the consequences of our actions that wound and hurt another whether that may be loss of a loved one due to our betrayal, loss of a job due to our dishonesty, or loss of eternal life. Obviously, both types of sorrow motivate us to change and conversion but we should always strive to turn back to God out of love for Him (perfect contrition).

Sorrow and contrition should go hand in hand with an examination of conscience because it orders us toward the correct and proper end of the love of God that we have failed to live up to that standard.

This makes a more fruitful confession which is the actual verbal expression of the what, the how, and the why of the words, deeds, thoughts and omissions that we committed against God and others.

The late great St. Pope John Paul II describes it as someone whom you love and you have hurt them deeply. He asks, "What would you do if the person ceases to speak to you or be in your company?" We have all experienced something like this in our life and we all have desperately and with great urgency and immediacy to try to do, to say, and to seek help from others to rectify it and to make amends. In other words, whatever it takes to regain that trust in the relationship. This is what penance is, the amendment to change in order to restore.

But sadly, one of the reasons why the faithful don't experience the urgency, immediacy, and the desire to do whatever it takes for restoration and amendment is sadly, a lack of understanding of how sin hurts the one that you love. There is a lack of knowledge of what sin is coupled with a lack of awareness of God's love for us and our moral failings that hurt, harm, and injures our love for God. If we don't have that love of God in our heart, mind, strength and soul, it makes it challenging to see the fruits of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Finally, as a priest, many penitents share a frustration that, after going to confession and making a firm resolve to avoid the near occasion of sin, they find themselves back with the same hurts and injure toward God and others. In order to move from a holy desire to avoid sin, it is important to have a game plan especially one focused on a good habit and virtue to put into practice through discipline and accountability to place ourselves in places where we can be successful.

This leads to our last installment which is a discussion on the practical things to do post-confession in order for ongoing maintenance to commit to a firm resolve of a powerful and real change and amendment of life through the grace and mercy of God.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 8/29 & 8/30:	\$2001.00
Online total:	\$965.00
Over (Under):	(\$1407.00)

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 also live streaming the 10:00 am Sunday Mass in Verboort every week. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746, password HolyMass.

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"So Help Me God: The Promise & Power of the Sacraments"
by Scott Hahn

In this dynamic Lighthouse talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. Dr. Hahn then explains what led him to move from believing in only two sacraments to all seven. In sharing these insights, he connects oaths to the seven sacraments and unveils their mystery and importance. He reveals that the sacraments are the ordinary means by which God empowers us to do His will. You'll discover that the sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible.

Run Time: 61 minutes.

Fr. Juan Jose's Pick: TBA

This Week

Saturday, September 5th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, September 6th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Marvin Nussbaumer (Anniversary of Death)

Monday, September 7th

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9th

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Barbara Kindel

Saturday, September 12th

Confessions by appointment only

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Zaida Rosa Gonzalez

Sunday, September 13th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

New: Face Covering Requirements

Face coverings are legally required at indoor gatherings, including in churches, per statewide directive. All who are 5 years and up must wear face coverings in church in Phases 1 and 2 of reopening. Those are excepted who perform activity that makes wearing a mask "not feasible," like the presider (throughout Mass) and the lectors (while reading). Singers and musicians are not excepted (they must wear face coverings even when singing). Exceptions are also made for people with disabilities or diagnosed medical conditions that preclude them from wearing masks. In these few cases, special seating accommodations should be made so those unable to wear masks have seating in a cry room or choir loft away from the rest gathered. Children 2 and under should not wear masks. Wearing a face covering at church is not optional. Churchgoers cannot be allowed entrance without a mask. The pastor and door monitor must strictly enforce this requirement. By archdiocesan requirement, masks must still be used by ministers when distributing Holy Communion. A presider *may* wear a mask throughout Mass.

USDA Food Box Program

A USDA grant has made it possible for Oregon families to receive FREE produce, dairy or combo boxes that are distributed at selected Archdiocese of Portland Catholic Churches, other faith-based organizations, local food pantries, civic organizations and homeless shelters.

As the COVID-19 pandemic extends into the summer months, more and more Oregonians are struggling to meet their basic need of food security. Many others struggle with isolation and can't travel to their local grocery store. The USDA food box program ensures that lack of financial resources, transportation, and isolation do not create a barrier to fresh food.

The USDA has partnered with Pacific Coast Fruit to provide 275,000 food boxes per month in our region. In order to make that happen, Pacific Coast Fruit has partnered with Archdiocese of Portland to distribute boxes to the needy of our state through September 18, 2020. USDA may elect to extend the program depending upon program success and available remaining funds.

For more information, please go to <https://evangelization.archdpx.org/usda-food-box>.

Religious Education

Grades 1-5 Including 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep for 1st Holy Communion and Confession

Please contact Nancy Vandehey (St. Edward) at 503-647-2131, Lynda Hertel (St. Francis of Assisi) at 503-799-5952, or Genelle Duyck (Visitation) at 503-887-8878 to register.

Start dates for the CCD program:

St. Francis, Roy: Sunday, September 13 (9:15-10:15 am)

Visitation, Verboort: Monday, September 14 (4:00-5:00 pm)

St. Edward, North Plains: Wednesday, September 16 (3:00-4:00 pm)

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com to register. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Visitation church 6:00-7:00 pm. We will kick off with Mass and a Mary Scavenger Hunt. Live streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com to register. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Visitation church 6:00-7:00 pm. We will kick off with Mass and a Mary Scavenger Hunt. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

High School Youth Confirmation

Those entering 9th grade this 2020-2021 school year or older are invited with their parents to attend a virtual meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or email Inevis@farthing.com to register.

RCIA

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith or know someone who is? Having questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process of beginning Catholic? Then call Fr. Michael at 971-217-5335 or email mvuky@yahoo.com.

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are waiting to reschedule the neighborhood meeting. Then we will be able to be assigned a hearing date with the City of North Plains Planning Commission. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).