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

Dian Duyck 2019-2023 (Chair)
Patrick Weis 2019-2023 (Vice Chair)
John Reding 2020-2024 (Secretary)
Tony Lucas 2018-2022
Bob VanderZanden 2018-2022
Mitch Nussbaumer 2020-2024

Confessions:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment, call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335

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 exception of the Advent wreath with its violet and rose candles, perhaps nothing marks the Advent season more than the first ten notes of the hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." In Catholic churches throughout the world, this traditional hymn comes from the "O Antiphons." What are the "O Antiphons"?

Ever since the 4th century, the "O Antiphons" addressing the different names and titles of Jesus introduced the praying of the Magnificat in Vespers (Evening Prayer) from December 17-23.

December 17 *O Sapientia* (Wisdom)
Wisdom is a divine attribute which has existed before creation (Proverbs 8:22). It is this Wisdom of God, spoken of often in the Old Testament, the Logos (John 1:1), his Word, which was made incarnate in Jesus Christ.

December 18 *O Adonai* (Lord)
Numerous prophecies and covenants are established between God and his chosen people in the Old Testament. Often, in the people's prayers, they refer to God as Adonai, Lord. It is the same Lord who appears to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who is born of the Virgin Mary, and who offers us salvation by his birth, death, and resurrection.

December 19 *O Radix Jesse* (Root of Jesse)
"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:1-3). Jesus fulfills this prophecy of the coming Messiah who would bring peace to the nations. He would send the Spirit after him to continue to guide his Church until the end of time.

December 20 *O Clavis David* (Key of David)
The keys to the kingdom of David were an important theme in the Old Testament, for he who held these keys had power over the temple to open and shut, to bind and loose: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house" (Is. 22:22-23). Jesus takes to himself these "keys" as he is the new temple, the new focus of worship, and gives them to Peter and the Church.

December 21 *O Oriens* (Dawn of the East)
Jesus is this new dawn, which brings with it a new creation, as can be seen in the prophecy of Zechariah, known as the Benedictus, prayed every morning in the Divine Office: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace (Lk. 1:78-79). Interestingly, Christmas falls around the winter solstice, the time when the daylight begins to overcome the darkness, as the days grow longer and the night shorter. The light of Christ and his conquering of sin and death is even recognized in nature!

December 22 *O Rex Gentium* (King of the Gentiles)
The chosen people sought an earthly king to rule over them. God listened and established kings over them - Saul, David, Solomon, etc. In Jesus Christ, He is God who will rule over his people, but he will also rule over all the nations.

Pastor's Notes (Continued)

December 23 *O Emmanuel* (God with us)
"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel" (Is. 7:14). This great prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, the Savior of the nations, given by the prophet Isaiah, reaches its fulfilment in Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, if you take the first letter of each name and write them backwards, you get "ERO CRAS" which means "Tomorrow, I will come" in Latin which on December 24 prepares us for the birth of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ on Christmas Day December 25.

Finally, the "O Antiphons" can line up with the last seven Jesse Tree ornaments which is a great activity for the kids in this season of Advent. It is a great learning tool for the faith. This is why in both Catholic schools, St. Francis of Assisi and Visitation, the students learn about the Jesse Tree.

Blessings,
~ Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, December 18th

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Paul Juenemann

Sunday, December 19th

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Religious Education Christmas Program at 10:30 am

High School Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm at St. Edward for Advent Service Project of decorating the church

Wednesday, December 22nd

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Darryol DeRego

No Religious Education Classes

Friday, December 24th *Christmas Eve*

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Kathie Thomas

Mass 8:00 pm

Intentions: Stewart & Ann King and family

Saturday, December 25th *Christmas Day*

Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Henry Herb

Sunday, December 26th *Feast of the Holy Family*

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

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Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Advent: Rethinking the Season" by Dr. Tim Gray

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this Lighthouse Talk audio presentation, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the "pre season" of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift of God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus. (Run Time; 50 minutes)

Live Streaming of Masses

11:00 am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Go to https://archdpdx.org/live-masses.

Beginning December 5 and beyond, **ONLY** the 10:00 am Sunday Mass from Visitation will be streamed via Zoom.
Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

Expanding to Love and Serve Campaign

The committee has received approval from the Archdiocese on the general contractor. Zurbrugg Construction from Hillsboro (who has experience with projects at St. Matthew and St. Pius X) will be working with the committee to finalize the design plans. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair), or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

Christmas and Feast of the Holy Family Mass Schedule

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Friday, December 24 @ 4:00 pm Children's Christmas Vigil Mass, 10:00 pm Midnight Mass
Saturday, December 25 @ 9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
Sunday, December 26 @ 8:00 am and 10:00 am Feast of the Holy Family

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Religious Education

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Enjoy Christmas and New Year's Break. We will resume class on Sunday, January 9 from noon to 1:00 pm in the Visitation cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "The Sacrament of Baptism."

Grades 1-5

Next class is Wednesday, January 5 from 4:00 - 5:15 pm.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Enjoy Christmas and New Year's Break. We will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022. Any questions, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

Meets Sunday, December 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm at St. Edward Parish Center for Advent Service Project of Church decorating for Christmas. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

Mission Krewe 2022 (grades 9-12)

June 17-24, 2022 we are partnering up with Catholic Charities to help with the Hurricane Ida Recovery in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana. Those who missed the information meeting, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

High School Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Next meeting Saturday, January 8, 2022 for 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Edward and then a meal and lesson on "Sacrament of Eucharist Part I" in the parish hall following Mass. Session ends at 7:15 pm. For questions, please call Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

Advent Greetings from the Sisters and Staff at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton!

Please join us the evening of Tuesday, January 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Retreat House Chapel for "Tolton: From Slave to Priest." A live drama by St. Luke Productions. Hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton. For more information, please call 503-649-7127 or visit www.olpretreat.org. A free offering will be taken.

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	$4373.00
Offertory total for 12/11 & 12/12:	$4324.00
Online total:	$810.00
Over (Under):	$761.00