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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.

<p>Parish Pastoral Council</p> <p>Dian Duyck 2023-2026 (Chair) Leah Nussbaumer 2024-2027 (Vice Chair) Lisa Thompson 2022-2025 (Recorder) Patrick Weis 2023-2026 Charlie Lucas 2024-2027 Karen Kemper 2025-2028</p>	<p><u>Confessions:</u></p> <p>Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment, call/text Fr. Michael 971-217-5335 or Fr. Augustus 971-392-8449.</p> <p><u>Masses:</u></p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am Wednesday Morning Mass 9:00 am</p> <p><u>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</u></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month, following 9:00 am Mass, closes at 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Funeral Service</u></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><u>Infant Baptism</u></p> <p><i>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 Brian Meeuwsen.</i></p> <p><u>Matrimony</u></p> <p><i>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 Pastoral Associate, Brian Meeuwsen, at least six months prior to the wedding.</i></p>	<p><u>Parish Hall Use</u></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><u>Mass Intentions</u> can normally be offered on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. Please submit requests through the parish office. A suggested stipend is \$10.</p> <p><u>Bulletin Announcements</u></p> <p><i>The deadline is 12:00 pm on Tuesday for the following Sunday. Call the parish office or email mail@stedwardnp.org.</i></p>

WHAT LESSONS DO WE LEARN FROM MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD?

May is a month dedicated to our Mother Mary as centuries-old custom of Catholics, honoring her as the Mother of Jesus. This month is part of the Easter season, a time of celebrating the Resurrection and awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Traditions such as the "May crowning," where a wreath of flowers is placed on Mary's statue, are common during this month. This is a beautiful custom that expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. Additionally, Christians offer prayers and veneration to Mary throughout the month of May. May as the month of Mary was further affirmed by Mary's first apparition at Fatima on May 13, 1917, to Francis, Lucy, and Jacinta.

In this Year of Faith, it is good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed blessed, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple. In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith, and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed. During this month Christians, both in Church and in their homes, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. I recommend the observance of May as a Marian month. There are many lessons we learn from our Mother Mary.

The Blessed Virgin Mary knows who it is that made her what she is and, knowing this, she gives thanks and praise to God. Some people live as if their life and what they have come from their personal efforts. The Psalmist says, "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain does the laborer labor," (Psalm 127:1-2). Our Mother Mary understood this well, as the Magnificat reveals (Luke 1:46-55). The good we do in this life helps us to walk towards heaven where Mary is (Faith and good works - James 2:26), but our deeds alone cannot bring us into heaven. Overall, we are saved by the mercy of God (Titus 3:5-7, Ephesians 2:4-5). Blessed Virgin Mary more than anyone else realized this. We can see the secret in her humility.

The Bible calls the Blessed Mother of Jesus, a "Virgin" (Luke 1:34). The Holy Catholic Church teaches us that Mary remained a Virgin during and after childbirth. Virginity after childbirth may seem difficult to understand, just as Moses' experience of God in the desert at Sinai is difficult to understand, the Word of God says that: "Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up and Moses said to himself: this is strange" (Exodus 3:2-3). What can be said about God's love for the Blessed Virgin Mary than "it is strange and wonderful." God chose her and decorated her far beyond all creatures - even the Angels and Saints. Another wonderful event in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary is that the Body of Jesus (His Flesh) was fashioned from the body of this Immaculate Virgin of Nazareth. In view of her special relationship with her Son, our divine Savior, the Church believes that the Virgin Mary never experienced corruption; (She was assumed body and soul into heaven, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950). Those who are privileged in this life and wish to sit on thrones, commanding others to serve them and venerate them should learn from the humility of our Mother Mary. In spite of her exalted position, she never put herself forward.

Pastor's Notes (Continued)

In this month of May being also the month we celebrate our mothers, we have some benefits of May devotion to our Mother Mary which include deepening our understanding of Jesus' human nature and enhancing our appreciation for Mary's faith and obedience. The Church encourages believers to emulate Mary's humility and trust in God and draw closer to God and grow in holiness. We ask our Mother Mary to provide protection, defense, and assistance in our spiritual battles. In honoring and loving Mary as the Mother of God, we honor and love our earthly mothers, bearing in mind that honor or respect to our parents is a divine duty (Exodus 20:12). Mothers are important in every family. May they imitate the virtues of our Blessed Mother Mary. May the Virgin Mary Queen of heaven and earth pray for us.

Fr. Augustus, Parochial Vicar

This Week

Saturday, May 24th

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confessions 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, May 25th

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: RIP Dean Schmidt

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day

Mass 9:00am at St. Edward Cemetery

Men of Conviction 7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall

Wednesday, May 28th

Mass 9:00am

Intentions: Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society

Saturday, May 31st

Women's Bible Study 10:00am at Visitation

Confessions 4:30pm

Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Intentions: RIP Debbie Ellis

Sunday, June 1st

Mass 9:15am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

High School Youth Group 8th Grade Welcome
6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center

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To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, go online to www.formed.org and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: HWNN8P to create your own personal login and password and begin enjoying the FREE content.

Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick:

"Mary: What Catholics Believe"

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? What do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin mother? Find out answers to these questions and more. (Run Time: 18 minutes)

Memorial Day Masses

On Monday, May 26, please join us for Memorial Day Masses at our parish cemeteries:

9:00am Mass offered at both
St. Edward and St. Francis of Assisi cemeteries.

10:00am Mass offered at Visitation cemetery.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2025

Thank you for supporting the ACA 2025 campaign. If you are still interested in donating, please fill out a pledge card and place in the weekend collection basket or go online to www.archdpx.org.

Vicariate Jubilee Year of Hope

In this month of May, St. Anthony of Padua (Forest Grove) is focusing on Feeding the Hungry. Please consider reaching out to the parish of St. Anthony of Padua to make a food donation to their St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. St. Alexander (Cornelius) is focusing on Burying the Dead. Look for an opportunity to volunteer time for groundskeeping at your local parish cemetery.

Religious Education

Religious Education (Grades 1-5)

Enjoy the Summer. Next year's class begins September 2025, please be on the watch for registration beginning August 2025.

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

8th Grade Graduates Welcoming to High School Youth Group on Sunday, June 1 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)/Mission Krewe Calgary, Alberta 2025

Welcome Session for 8th Grade Graduating Class of 2025 on Sunday, June 1 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-12)

Next year's class begins September 2025. Please be on the watch for registration beginning August 2025.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Next year's class begins September 2025. Please be on the watch for registration beginning August 2025.

All questions concerning Religious Education for Youth (grades 1-12) and Adult (OCIA) programs, please contact Tammy Scheenstra, 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com.

Offertory

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$4373.00
Offertory total for 5/17 & 5/18:	\$2082.00
Online total:	\$621.28
Over (Under):	(\$1669.72)

"Hoist Hope" Capital Campaign Phase II

Thank you all for attending the groundbreaking event. Now we are ready to build. So, pardon our dust ... If you would like to donate to the project, please consider making a pledge or reupping on a new pledge. Our total received so far is \$2,733,609.71 in cash donations and committed pledges over a 5-year period. Projected completion is Summer 2026. For questions, please call the parish office at 503-647-2131 or www.stedwardnp.org.

If you have additional questions, please contact Fr. Michael, Dick Vandehey (Chair), Dick Krueger (Vice Chair) or Bob VanderZanden (Vice Chair).

Preschool Teacher Position

Visitation Catholic School is looking for a part-time Preschool Teacher to start August 20, 2025. The Preschool Teacher would work on campus 7:45am-3:45pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as the head teacher for our PK4 class. We are looking for a flexible, highly qualified, enthusiastic, compassionate, positive person who enjoys working with children 4-5 years of age. This individual will model Catholic values and help students to grow in their faith. The position would require good communication skills, implementing classroom management tools, creating daily lesson plans, being a team player and following and maintaining requirements for state certification. The teacher position supervises the assistant and students, and manages administrative duties and purchasing of supplies. Applicants must meet the requirements for a Childcare Head Teacher Position as outlined in the Oregon Office of Child Care's Central Background Registry. If interested, please submit cover letter and resume to the school office at cfunk@vcsknights.org and request an application. Position is open until filled.



St. Juan Diego Social Justice Ministry is pleased to announce an E-Waste Recycling Event. The event is open to the public at no charge, but we will gladly accept donations of non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Green Century Recycling will be on hand to accept the following

- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Laptops
- ▶ TV & Monitors (all types)
- ▶ Hard drives (Secure Data Destruction Provided)
- ▶ Misc. Computer Components (floppy drives, Printed Circuit Boards (PCB), etc.)
- ▶ Cords/Wires/Chargers/Power strips
- ▶ Servers/Switches
- ▶ Routers/Hubs/Modems
- ▶ Networking Devices
- ▶ Communications Equipment
- ▶ POS (Point of Sale equip)
- ▶ Printers/Scanners
- ▶ Fax/Copiers
- ▶ Keyboards/Mice
- ▶ Misc. Office Machines
- ▶ Misc. Electronics
- ▶ VCRs, DVD Players
- ▶ Cable & Satellite Equipment
- ▶ Testing Equipment
- ▶ Stereo/Audio Components
- ▶ Cell Phones (with or without batteries)
- ▶ PDAs, Handheld Games
- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Telephones
- ▶ Gaming Consoles/Systems
- ▶ UPS (uninterruptible power supply) and other Lead Acid Batteries
- ▶ Small/Large Appliances (which include, microwaves, toasters, blenders, etc.)
- ▶ Electric Power Tools
- ▶ Laptop Batteries, Cell Phone Batteries, Li-on batteries
- ▶ Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals
- ▶ Air Conditioners

GREEN CENTURY RECYCLING
PULL THE PLUG ON ELECTRONIC WASTE



USED SOCKS for recycling

Clean, used socks only; pairs and singles are accepted. These will be recycled, so no new socks. No stockings, tights, or pantyhose.

We will collect worn-out athletic shoes to be ground up and re-purposed.

(no dress or casual shoes, please)



St. Juan Diego Parish Parking Lot

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Questions? sjdsocialjustice@gmail.com