

St. Edward Parish

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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 together to practice our faith by prayer, receiving the sacraments, education, and works of charity.

Confessions:

Saturday 4:30-5:15 pm

Masses/Communion Services:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass 9:15 am

Tuesday Morning Communion Service 9:00 am (October—June)

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,

One of my favorite saint stories to share with altar servers is St. Tarcisus. Not only is he the patron saint of altar servers, but also First Communicants. For this reason, this Sunday, as 7 of our young children receive 1st Holy Communion, I would like to share the story of St. Tarcisus and his love for the Eucharist.

St. Tarcisus was a 12-year old orphan boy who had a special reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. During the 3rd Century Roman persecutions of the Early Church, every day, the Christians would gather in a secret location located in the catacombs and celebrate Mass. After the Mass, a deacon would be sent to the prisons to carry the Eucharist to those Christians preparing for martyrdom.

One day, there was no deacon available so St. Tarcisus was sent. While he was traveling to the prison, he was stopped along the way. Due to the nature of his mission, he naturally concealed and protected the Blessed Sacrament and mentioned very clearly that he was on a special mission and could not be delayed. As a result, a mob developed seeking to see what precious object he was protecting.

The mob escalated into a fury and St. Tarcisus sustained so many blows that he eventually died. But he died protecting, safeguarding, and offering his own life for the Blessed Sacrament. He is the patron saint of altar servers because the altar servers assist the priest at the altar as well as assist the priest to be vigilant in protecting and safeguarding the Eucharist.

For this reason, altar servers when assisting the priest in distributing Holy Communion will sometimes be asked to stand next to the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with the communion paten, a circular metal plate with a wooden handle to catch any Eucharist host that may fall from the tongue or hands of the communicant. As well as keep an eye on each communicant to ensure he/she consumes the Eucharist host after receiving it.

The sacrifice that St. Tarcisus made in protection of the Eucharist can be a reminder for all of us especially those receiving Holy Communion for the first time this: much like St. Tarcisus, we too are entrusted with a precious gift, Jesus Christ.

When we receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and share in His divine life, we are invited to go forth into the world to share it with others. But at the same time, we are to safeguard and protect what we have received by not succumbing to temptations and falling into sin. We are to make daily sacrifices by thinking of others and putting them first before ourselves. And finally, we are to live as if this was our first, last and only reception of Holy Communion in order to cherish, reverence and love even more of what has been given to us.

For all our new 1st Holy Communion Candidates, we say,
St. Tarcisus, pray for us!

~Fr. Michael

This Week

Saturday, April 28th

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Sunday, April 29th *First Communion Sunday*

Recitation of the Rosary 8:50 am

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: RIP Julie Herinckx

Reception in the hall after Mass

Tuesday, May 1st

Communion Service & Prayer Group 9:00 am

Altar Society Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 2nd

Mass 9:00 am

Intentions: RIP Kathie Thomas

Recitation of the Rosary following Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day, closing at
7:00 pm

Religious Education Classes Grades 1-5 from
3:15-4:15 pm in the parish hall

Garage Sale Item Drop Off 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 3rd

Garage Sale Item Drop Off 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 4th

Garage Sale 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the parish hall

Saturday, May 5th

Garage Sale 8:00 am - 4:00 pm in the parish hall

Confessions 4:30-5:15 pm

Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Intentions: RIP Mike Cropp

Sunday, May 6th

Recitation of the Rosary 8:50 am

Mass 9:15 am

Intentions: Parishioners of St. Edward

Fr. Jesus, who has been with us since the Fall, is in the final stages of his Doctoral Program. He is departing Friday, April 27th to Rome, Italy so he can prepare for his Doctoral Defense. He will be away for 3 months and return in August. Let us keep Fr. Jesus in our prayers for the success of the completion of his Doctoral Degree.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Roy Bar Buffet Bingo Fundraiser

Saturday, May 5th

Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, Bingo 7-10:30 pm

\$30 ticket includes dinner, drink, and Bingo card

Country style ribs

21 & over only please

To purchase your tickets or for any questions, please call

503-324-2182

Please Save the Date

Visitation Catholic School
Knight in Paradise Dinner and Auction

May 12, 2018 starting at 4:30

Ticket price: \$40 per person

- Complimentary bottle of wine with table purchase (8 total)
Must be 21 years or older to attend

Dinner entrée choices: Tropical Grilled Beef Bistro Tender with a Polynesian Chutney, Grilled Mahi Mahi with Mango Salsa, or Caribbean Quinoa Vegetable Stuffed Zucchini (vegetarian option).

Pre-Order your tickets on www.vcsknights.org or call the school office at 503-357-6990.

Come and join the fun!!

Offertory Collection

Weekly contributions needed for budget goal:	\$3452.30
Offertory and Online Totals for 4/21 & 4/22	\$3326.00
Over/(Under):	(\$126.30)

Religious Education Program

Religious Education Classes Grades 1-5

Class Wednesday, May 2nd

High School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, May 6 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Visitation Parish Hall, Life Nite on Angels and Demons. All are invited to attend.

High School Confirmation Pictures

If family and friends would like to print out pictures from April 6th Confirmation Mass, please feel free to email Kayla Duyck at kduyck.dnaphotography@gmail.com and she will provide a link to google docs for free access.

Middle School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, April 29th from 6:00-7:30 in the Visitation Parish Center.

Catholic Charities 2018 Annual Campaign

Theme: What Love Feels Like

At Catholic Charities of Oregon, they believe love feels like finding hope in a place of hopelessness. Love feels like housing homeless, reuniting families and navigating financial or personal stress.

Together, we can respond and care for Oregonians facing a crisis. As a church community, through the work of Catholic Charities, we can act and we have a huge impact. Every year, Catholic Charities and its partner agencies serve thousands of individuals and families in need. They provide critical, life changing services and we do together - in the name of Christ and within the mission of our Church.

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal occurs once-per-year across the Archdiocese. Please consider supporting the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal and help reach their goal of \$600,000, either by returning your envelope during the second collection or mailing it directly to Catholic Charities. Our special collection will be on May 5th and 6th. To donate online, please go to www.CatholicCharitiesOregon.org or call 503-688-2656. Envelopes are stapled to the bulletin.

Congratulations to our candidates who received First Holy Communion:

Mayte Garcia

Skylar Kindel

Jorge Morales

Grayson Pierce

Sebastian Smith

Lucy Vu

Kayleigh Johnson Vidalez