



St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church November 11, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

This column appeared in the October 21st Diocesan Chronicle, but the last two paragraphs were inadvertently omitted in the English version.



Apostolic Betrayal

This column is a revised version of a homily given at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend on 23 September.

In today's second reading St. James gets to the heart of the worldwide summer of scandal in the Catholic Church: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice."

With the "foul practice" of sexual abuse by priests we have grown all too sadly familiar in the past twenty years. But this summer's shocking revelations brought into focus a different, far more disturbing scandal: "selfish ambition" among bishops has spread the "disorder" of complicity-in-cover-up to the highest ranks of the Church—to the apostolic level, that is to say, because successors of the Apostles have been agents of corruption.

In today's Gospel Jesus' question to the Twelve helps us see that the Church He founded has been vulnerable to unhinged Apostolic ambition from the very beginning. "What were you arguing about on the way?" He asked them. They might have been quarreling over a saying "they did not understand" but "were afraid to question Him" about: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to

men, and they will kill Him, and three days after His death the Son of Man will rise." There's plenty in that statement to prompt discussion for many a mile about His future—and theirs.

But no: death and resurrection had not troubled them on the way. "They had been discussing among themselves . . . who was the greatest." And not for the last time. At table with Jesus the night before He died, St. Luke reports, a "dispute arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest."

This Gospel portrait of persistent Apostolic ambition leaves Christians no room for naiveté: "selfish ambition" on the part of Church leaders is an ineradicable component of each generation's share in the Apostolic inheritance.

Ambition seems to have tugged at all of the Apostles; betrayal was peculiar to one. The other Apostles, most notably Peter, ran away into the night when Jesus was captured; they abandoned Him. Judas alone betrayed Him; he actively plotted with the priests to hand Jesus over to the Romans; he deliberately gave Him up to the will of His enemies.

Judas has never been forgotten. With the Gospels we inherit the Church's bitter memory of his Apostolic betrayal. And we need to draw on it now to get beyond our dismay that the unimaginable has become undeniable: cardinals and bishops abused and covered up and advanced their careers in the Church. They betrayed their innocent victims. They betrayed the priesthood. They betrayed the Mass. Didn't anyone know what they were up to?

News You Can Use

- * No Religious Education Classes this Sunday. Next Class is scheduled for November 18
- * All Bible study questions need to be put in the Bible challenge box by **Nov. 30** located in the Narthex.
- * St Winefride's Gift Shop will be sponsoring a Holiday Craft Faire - November 23rd, 24th and 25th
- * November 20 The Christmas Craft Setup is at 9am, If you are available following mass your help would be welcomed
- * Parish office hours have been expanded. The parish office will now be open **Monday, Tuesday and THURSDAYS** from 8:30 – 12:30

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St. Winefride's Guild is sponsoring a Christmas Craft Fair to benefit St. Winefride's Garden. All parishioners are invited to sell their **hand-made** crafts during this event. 25% of total sales will be donated to the Garden. To reserve a table or for more information contact:
 Mary Richards (541-549-2053)
 or
 Laura Berning (541-383-1972)

Nov 4, 2018

Attendance: Vigil 76 / Sunday 143

Date	Weekly Offertory	Weekly Needed	Difference
Oct. 14	\$2574	\$3000	\$(426)
Oct. 21	\$2742	\$3000	\$(258)
Oct. 28	\$2834	\$3000	\$(166)
Nov. 4	\$ 3539	\$3000	\$539

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass	5:30 p.m. Mass:
Pro Populo	For Olivia Walter	For Phil Weigand†	For Father W. Thomas Faucher		For Vern Heiman Family Thanksgiving	
	Office 9:00 a.m. – noon	Altar Society mtg 9am Office 9:00 a.m. – noon <i>All Bulletin items must be submitted.</i> <i>craigmay@ykw.net</i>	6:30 p.m.: Practice for Sunday Choir	Office 9:00 a.m. – noon		

*If you are a visitor to our parish Welcome!
 Thank you for joining us this weekend! Please be
 sure to take time to enjoy St. Winefride's Garden.*

Our Lord did. St. John tells us that “Jesus knew from the first . . . who it was that would betray Him.” This He made clear well before the Last Supper: “Did I not choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?” He was referring to Judas, “for he, one of the Twelve, was to betray Him.”

Knowing Judas’ duplicity all along, why did our Lord not head off his impending betrayal? Why did He not expose and expel His betrayer? Because to do so would fatally mislead us. Expelling Judas to save Himself would have taught us that betrayal is a sin beyond the reach of Divine Mercy, a sin too deep for the Fisher of Men to catch in His net of forgiveness, a sin too strong for love to break its hold on the heart of the sinner. Instead, because He “came to save sinners,” Jesus followed the will of His Father and died of betrayal in order to overcome it forever with the life-changing love of Resurrection.

Judas, the betrayer, did not live to witness the dark defeat on the Cross which his betrayal brought about nor the bright light of victory which the Father’s faithfulness caused to shine forth from the empty tomb. In stark contrast, Peter, the denier, wept bitter tears of repentance on Good Friday and heard His Risen Redeemer tell him to feed His sheep on Easter Sunday.

Jesus knew going in to His Passion that Apostolic betrayal would cost Him everything—and He kept going, all the way to the end. He drank the cup of betrayal to the dregs for you and for me—and for all those who will come after us if we hand on to them what was handed on to us.

Would you like to add information to the bulletin?

The bulletin needs your help. If you have any information that you think is important for our parish, please pass it along to craigmay@ykwkc.net

Thank you for all of your interest in the Parish pastoral and Finance councils. Father is making his decision and will announce them at a later date.



MARRIED COUPLES

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on January 25th - 27th in Astoria, Oregon. For additional dates and locations go to our website www.wwme.org

Parish Book of Intentions

** Did you know that there is a parish book of intentions in the front narthex? Use this special place to enter your personal intentions; for yourself or loved ones that are in special need of prayers. This book will be brought to the altar during the offertory, so that those prayers will be (silently) offered up by those gathered in His name. **

November Bible Challenge

1. When Jacob left to meet Esau, how many times did he bow to the ground on the way? _____
2. What did God change Jacob’s name to?

3. Who thought it was a good idea to save Joseph’s life and instead sell him to the Ishmaelites?

4. Where did Jacob and his sons settle in Egypt?

5. Where was Jacob buried?

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

Please state the answer and verse. Thanks for participating!



We don't know them all, but we owe them all!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00am to 12:00pm and as always by appointment.

Confessions by appointment

Church & Garden website:

www.stedwardsisters.org

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www.dioceseofbaker.org

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www.usccb.org

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Infant Baptism: Parents and godparents are required to take a preparation class. Please contact the parish office.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation: Adults and children are always welcome to learn more about the Catholic Church and prepare for full initiation. Call the parish office to learn more.

Marriage Preparation: At least six months in advance couples must arrange for pre-marriage instruction before setting the desired date. Contact the parish office for more information.

Communion to the Sick: Contact the parish office if you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass but wishes to receive Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrate this healing sacrament before your scheduled surgery or hospital stay. Call the parish office.

Catholics, Come Home: If you or someone you know has been away from the Church and isn't sure how to come back, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Services: Please call the parish office at 541-549-9391.

Vocations: If you are interested in the priesthood or the religious life, please call Fr. Joseph Thomas

Saturday Music: If you are interested in being a part of this liturgical ministry, please call Anne Seile at 541-549-5702.

Sunday Music: Please join us for rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church, or speak with a choir member after Mass.

Send all bulletin announcements by Tuesday noon one week preceding the requested Sunday to stedward@bendbroadband.com.

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