



St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church January 6, 2019

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

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

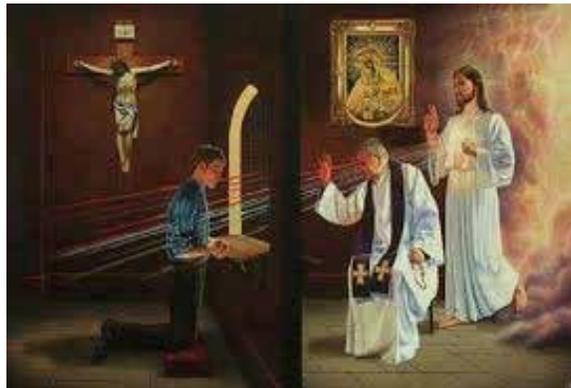
“Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion.”

WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?

It is called the sacrament of conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus’ call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner’s personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction. It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a “confession” - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man. It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest’s sacramental absolution God grants the penitent “pardon and peace.” It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: “Be reconciled to God.” He who lives by God’s merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord’s call: “Go; first be reconciled to your brother.”

WHY A SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AFTER BAPTISM?

“You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has “put on Christ.” But the apostle John also says: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” And the Lord himself taught us to pray: “Forgive us our trespasses,” linking our forgiveness of one another’s offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us.



Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us “holy and without blemish,” just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is “holy and without blemish.” Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination

to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

THE CONVERSION OF THE BAPTIZED

Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: “The time is fulfilled,

News You Can Use

- * Special Collection: the Cathedral Conservation Collection will be held on the weekend of Jan.26-27, in conjunction of the Feast of St. Francis de Sales on January 24th.
- * Altar Society Meeting January 15th 9am
- * Joint Pastoral and Finance Council; Tuesday January 15th, 6 pm this is an open meeting if you would like to attend
- * RE Class Schedule **January 6th, 13th & 27th**

Dec 30, 2018

Attendance: Vigil 68 / Sunday 157

Date	Weekly Offertory	Weekly Needed	Difference
Dec. 9	\$2386	\$3000	(\$709)
Dec. 16	\$2314	\$3000	(\$686)
Dec. 23	\$2583	\$3000	(\$417)
Dec. 24	\$2311		
Dec. 25	\$3318		
Dec. 30	\$3514	\$3000	\$514

Retirement fund \$66.00

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and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” In the Church’s preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life. Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, “clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.” This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a “contrite heart,” drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

St. Peter’s conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus’ look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord’s resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord’s call to a whole Church: “Repent!”

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, “there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance.”

The Journey Continues.....

R.E. Notes

Thank you to all who participated and helped out with the Coffee and Caroling hour, and the Christmas eve children’s program. A very special Thank you to Mimi for helping us with our programs we couldn’t have done it without you!

Class Schedule: January 6th, 13th & 27th February 3, 10 & 24th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	5:30 pm Mass:
Pro Populo	For LaVerne Heiman -Layton			For Vern and Jodi Heiman		
	Office 9:00 a.m.- noon	Office 9:00 a.m.- noon	6:30 p.m.: Practice for Sunday Choir	Office 9:00 a.m.- noon	Office 9:00 a.m.- noon	

There are three winners this month, who had all the answers correct! All three are RE students.

Vaughn Storton, Annelise Jones and Allison Moreno

1. What are the names of the sons of Israel who, accompanied by their households, migrated with Jacob into Egypt? Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah, Issacar, Zebulun and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher ? Ex 1:2-4
2. Where was Joseph when the other sons of Israel migrated into Egypt? Egypt Ex 1:5
3. What was the basket made of which hid Moses as a baby? Papyrus basket dubbed with bitumen and pitch Ex 2:3
4. Where did Moses go after he fled Egypt? Land of Midian Ex 2:15
5. What name means 'I am a stranger in a foreign land'? Gershom Ex 2:22

Time is running out, if you have an idea or project that you would like to share with the parish, there will be an open meeting of both the Finance and Pastoral Council on Tuesday, January 15 at 6pm in the parish hall. All ideas must be submitted in writing; via email to Fr. Joseph: jputhiyath@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, **January 8 at 5pm.**

Your email must include a full explanation of the idea or project: who it benefits, how it will be executed and who will be the point person on the project, as well as how it is to be financed. If it is a construction project; proposals must include three bids, a detailed sketch of project, scope of work and time-line for project from start to completion.

Once this is received you will be advised where your idea appears on the agenda.

Want a Special Blessing for your House?

House Blessings by appointment with Fr Joseph, forms available in the hall by the business office door.

**Do you have information for our Parish?
Contribute to our bulletin.**

The bulletin needs your help. 1. Do you have an interest in taking over the Bulletin? This ministry is still available for someone to help out. 2. Do you have **any** information that might be important for our parish, contact craigmay@ykw.net.

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Tony Lee



passed away Dec 26
May eternal rest grant unto him,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

A service will be held here at St Edward the Martyr
at 11:00 am

Blessing of the Chalk

The blessing and distribution of chalk with which houses are marked with a special logo commemorating the visit of the Magi seems to have originated in and spread from Central Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

On or near the feast of the Epiphany, and conveniently close to the beginning of a New Year, the tradition has been to ask God's blessing on homes and mark the door post or lintel with chalks that have been blessed for that purpose. The doors are chalked with the legendary names or initials of the three Magi, and the numerals of the New Year, connected with a series of crosses. The initials C, M, and B commemorate the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, but also stand for the Latin prayer-request *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." In this way, the door of a house would be marked as follows: 20+C+M+B+19.



This domestic ritual can be performed as a family gathers together around the main entrance of a house, traditionally a senior member of the household does the chalking with appropriate words: that "as the three Wise Men followed the star of God's Son who became man, may Christ bless our home and remain with us through the New Year." If there is sufficient space over the door, the full names of the Magi are often displayed, and children are invited to decorate the names with three crowns.

This Epiphany ceremony is a simple but meaningful act of witness which symbolizes Christian willingness to offer hospitality and shelter to the Magi on their journey to Bethlehem, and also, by extension in today's world, to welcome all and sundry who love or are seeking the Lord's Christ.

As a valuable link between church and home and family. It is a constant reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we show each other in our ordinary lives together, and also our relationship with friends and strangers who cross the threshold of our homes in the course of the year.

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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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