

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church March 17, 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 MATRIMONY

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.

MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

MARRIAGE IN THE ORDER OF CREATION

The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . God himself is the author of marriage." The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."



MARRIAGE UNDER THE REGIME OF SIN

Every man experiences evil around him and within himself. This experience makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. This disorder can manifest itself more or less acutely, and can be more or less overcome according to the circumstances of cultures, eras, and individuals, but it does seem to have a universal character.

There is a sign up sheet by the parish office for any group or family who is interested in providing a light, meatless supper after Stations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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According to faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations, but from sin. As a break with God, the first sin had for its first consequence the rupture of the original communion between man and woman. Their relations were distorted by mutual recriminations; their mutual attraction, the Creator's own gift, changed into a relationship of domination and lust; and the beautiful vocation of man and woman to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth was burdened by the pain of childbirth and the toil of work.

Nevertheless, the order of creation persists, though seriously disturbed. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them. Without his help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them "in the beginning.

The Journey Continues.....

March 10, 2019

Attendance: Vigil 54 / Sunday 101

Date	Weekly Offertory	Weekly Needed	Difference
Feb. 17	\$3058	\$3000	\$58
Feb. 24	\$2016	\$3000	\$(984)
March 3	\$2257	\$3000	\$(743)
March 10	\$3802	\$3000	\$802

Easter Flower Fund \$275

St. Edward Tea

The snow is melting fast! Time to think of warm weather and flowers,,,,, AND the Spring tea! It is on Saturday, May 11th at the church. Ticket will be available in April. If you would like to sponsor a full table, please contact the committee chairs any time.

Committees are being formed and there is a place for your talents to be used on the annual event. It is always a very nice time and a way to raise funds for the church and community.

You are invited and encouraged to attend one of the planning meetings. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 24th in the coffee room following 9 AM Mass.

We are looking for a chair for the following areas: publicity, desserts, and fashion show.

We hope you can join us! This is a wonderful way to meet some more of the parishioners.

For questions, please call Shirley at 541-548-5416 or Nancy at 541-548-7184

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent.

For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our alms-giving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." (First Preface of Lent)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 9:00 am Mass Pro Populo	18 NO Mass For Peter Kelly† Office 9:00 a.m. - noon	19 5:30 pm Mass For Vern and Mary Heiman Office 9:00 a.m. - noon	20 8 am Mass 6:30 p.m.: Practice for Sunday Choir	21 8 am Mass For Vern Heiman Family Thanksgiving Office 9:00 a.m. - noon	22 5 pm Mass Stations of the Cross Immediately Following and then a Meatless Soup Supper	23 5:30 pm Mass:

March 2019 Bible Challenge

1. As the Lord told Moses to tell the people, what type of bird is acceptable as a holocaust?
2. If a woman cannot afford a lamb for holocaust after the birth of a child and after she spent the designated time for purification, she may bring 2 turtledoves or 2 pigeons for holocaust. Why two?
3. When reaping the harvest of your land, the Lord commanded you should not reap the field to its very edge. Why?
4. What should the people do in the presence of the aged?
5. What is done after 6 days work?

Name _____

Contact Info _____

Please place entry in the Bible Challenge box in the narthex by 10:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month.

The winner will be pulled randomly from all the correct participants. The winner of this month's Challenge, will be awarded a DQ Sunday and a Bible Challenge Quiz prize.



This heart collection box is for your alms giving during Lent. The money collected in the heart will go to our Faith account and then distributed to local charities, like Fan and the Kiwanis Food bank. The heart collection box is located in the Church by the narthex exit.

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.

K-5 Catholic Education

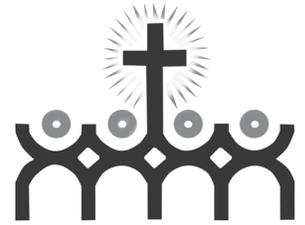


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MARRIED COUPLES



Give your spouse the gift of a special valentine. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use the rest of your life. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 12 - 14, in Powell Butte, Oregon. For more information and additional dates and locations go to our website www.wwme.org

Stewardship of Time and Talent:

We typically think of Stewardship in terms of giving money, but we are also called to be good stewards of our time and talent.

An easy way to give of your time and talent is to serve as a liturgical minister at Mass. The parish needs people in a variety of ministerial roles at both the Sunday Vigil and Sunday morning masses.

- **Sacristans:** Set up and clean the vessels and other items needed for Mass, and assist in keeping the sacristy tidy.
- **Lectors:** Proclaim the readings at Mass.
- **Extraordinary Ministers:** Assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion.
- **Altar Servers:** Assist at Mass and open to all youth who have received their First Communion.

Talk to Fr. Joseph or any liturgical minister to find out more about how you can become involved!

VOLUNTEER NOW!

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9:00am to 12:00pm and as always by appointment.

Confessions by appointment

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www.dioceseofbaker.org

Catholic Bishops website:

www.usccb.org

Bulletin Administrator

Craig May - craigmay@ykw.com

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.

Celebrate with FORMED Daily Reflections!

Formed "the Netflix for Catholics" Register at FORMED.ORG - Parishioner code: **VCHERN**
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In Person Help

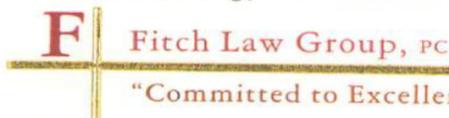
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