

# St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church March 24, 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

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### Marriage in the Lord

The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God, by becoming incarnate and giving his life, has united to himself in a certain way all mankind saved by him, thus preparing for “the wedding-feast of the Lamb.” On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother’s request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus’ presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ’s presence.

In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one’s wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts. The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God himself has determined it “what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”

This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law

of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to “receive” the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ’s cross, the source of all Christian life.



This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her,” adding at once: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church.” The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath. Which precedes the wedding

feast, the Eucharist? Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.

The Journey Continues.....

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.

March 17, 2019

Attendance: Vigil 58 / Sunday 112

| Date     | Weekly Offertory | Weekly Needed | Difference |
|----------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Feb. 24  | \$2016           | \$3000        | \$(984)    |
| March 3  | \$2257           | \$3000        | \$(743)    |
| March 10 | \$3802           | \$3000        | \$802      |
| March 17 | \$2482           | \$3000        | \$(518)    |

### 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.

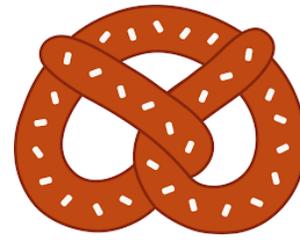
Committees are being formed and there is a place for your talents to be used on the annual event. It is always a very nice time and a way to raise funds for the church and community.

You are invited and encouraged to attend one of the planning meetings. There will be a meeting this 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



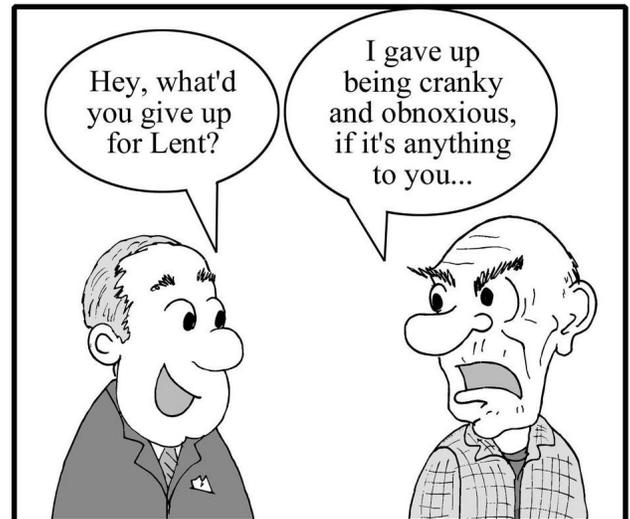
### Pretzels

Pretzels are a popular reminder that Lent is a time of prayer.

Italian monks in the seventh century are often credited with creating pretzels, which they gave as a treat to children who had learned their prayers. The Pretzels were a bread shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer. They were called *bracellae*, which is Latin for "little arms".

Today, in many parishes, children who have not yet made their first communion are encouraged to cross their arms in prayer and come up in the communion line to receive a blessing.

*Lenten Reflection*



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| Sunday                                      | Monday                  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                               | Thursday                | Friday   | Saturday                    |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 24  | 25                      | 26                               | 27                                      | 28                      | 29   | 30                          |
| 9:00 am<br>Mass                             | 8 am<br>Mass            | 8 am<br>Mass                     | 8 am<br>Mass                            | 8 am<br>Mass            | 5 pm<br>Mass   | 5:30 pm<br>Mass:            |
| St. Edward<br>Tea Meeting<br>Following Mass | For<br>Heiman-Bergman†  | For<br>Marlene Shuey<br>Birthday |   | For<br>William M Wood   | For<br>Junker - Ulliyot†   | For<br>Mary Delphine Zarsky |
| Pro Populo                                  | Office 9:00 a.m. - noon | Office 9:00 a.m. - noon          | 6:30 p.m.: Practice for<br>Sunday Choir | Office 9:00 a.m. - noon | Stations of the Cross<br>Immediately<br>following and then a<br>meatless soup supper |                             |

## 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.

## 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!**

K-5 Catholic Education

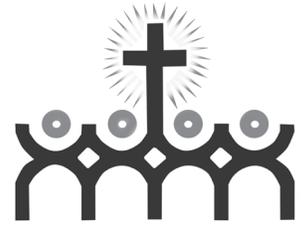


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## MARRIED COUPLES



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](http://www.wwme.org)

## St Benedict's Holy Week Retreat

One of the things that I really look forward to each year is the liturgy of the final three days of Holy Week done in a relaxed and prayerful manner. One real highlight is the singing of the lamentations. One brother or sister who is singing may not have the best voice, but to hear them pouring out the words of sorrow and recognition of God's love for his people in need, is a beautiful moment and a great preparation for Easter.

St Benedict's Holy Week Retreat begins Thursday, April 18th with dinner and ends Easter Sunday, April 21st at noon. Cost for the retreat is \$125 private room, \$90 double room per person. Send \$30 deposit to register: 56630 North Bank Rd. McKenzie Bridge, 97413. For more info: (541) 822-3572 or web: [stbenedictretreat@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictretreat@gmail.com). Please let us know of any special needs.

*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.*

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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](http://www.stedwardsisters.org)

## Diocese website:

[www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org)

## Catholic Bishops website:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Bulletin Administrator

Craig May - [craigmay@ykw.com](mailto: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](mailto:stedward@bendbroadband.com).

### Celebrate with FORMED Daily Reflections!

Formed "the Netflix for Catholics" Register at [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) - Parishioner code: **VCHERN**  
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### In Person Help

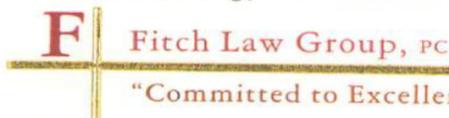
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