

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church April 21, 2019 MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

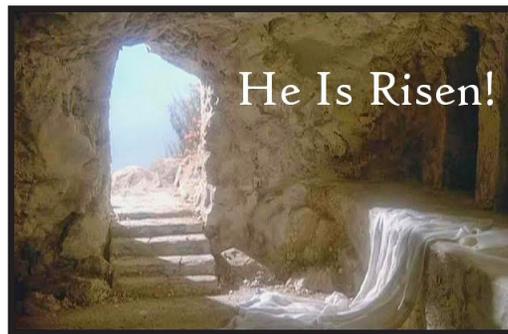
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

The Breakthrough of Easter

What would it mean if Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus, had not taken place? ... Well, if there were no Resurrection, the story of Jesus would have ended with Good Friday. His body would have decayed, and he would have become a has-been. But that would mean that God does not take initiatives in history, that he is either unable or unwilling to touch this world of ours, our human living and dying. And that in turn would mean that love is futile, nugatory, an empty and vain promise. It would mean that there is no judgment and no justice. It would mean that the moment is all that counts and the right belongs to the cunning, the crafty and those without consciences. There would be no judgment. Many people, and by no means only wicked people, would welcome that because they confuse judgment with petty calculation and give more room to fear than to a trusting love... All this makes clear what Easter does mean: God has acted. History does not go on aimlessly. Justice, love, truth- these are realities, genuine reality. God loves us; he comes to meet us. The more we go along his path and live in his way, the less we need to fear justice and truth, the more our hearts will be full of Easter joy. Easter is not only a story to be told: it is a signpost on life's way. It is not an account of a miracle that happened a very long time ago: it is the breakthrough which has determined the meaning of all history. If we

grasp this, we too, today, can utter the Easter greeting with undiminished joy: Christ is risen; yes, he is risen indeed!

As we wait in the night-dark church for the Easter light to be struck, we should experience the consoling realization that God is fully aware of the night by which we are surrounded. In fact, he has already struck his light at the heart of it... The night enables us to appreciate what the light really is. It is brightness



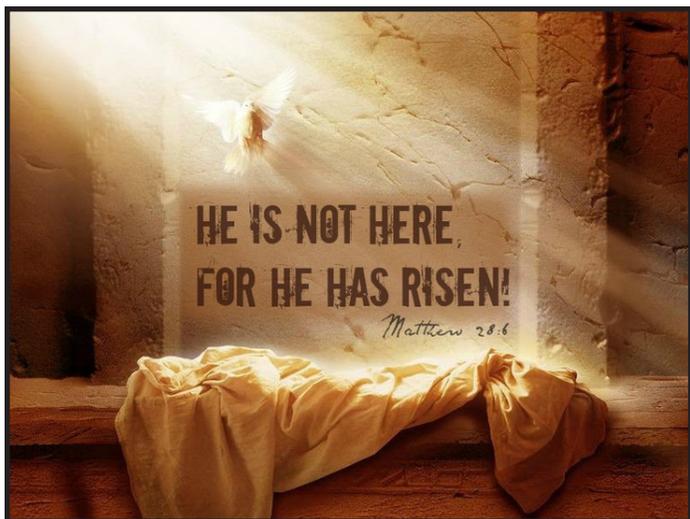
or luminousness that enables us to see; that shows the way and gives direction; that helps us to know both others and ourselves. It is warmth that strengthens and brings mobility; that consoles and gladdens. Finally, it is life, and this tiny quivering flame is an image of the wonderful mystery that we

call "life" and that is in fact profoundly dependent on light... At this moment we are not only celebrating the Resurrection; we are also being given a distant glimpse of the second coming of the Lord. Whom we are advancing to meet with lamps lit... Something of the joy that marks a wedding should be ours on the night so bright with candles. We should also ask ourselves this question: "Will I be one of those who sit at God's table? Will my lamp have enough oil for the everlasting wedding feast?" But perhaps it is even more Christian to ask ourselves the right question about the present.

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The world is indeed dark, but even a single candle suffices to bring light into the deepest darkness. Did not God give us a candle at baptism and the means of lighting it? We must be courageous enough to light the candle of our patience, our trust, our love. Instead of bewailing the night, we must dare to light the little lamp that God has loaded us: "The light of Christ! – Thanks be to God!"

From, {Day by day with Pope Benedict XVI}



April 14, 2019

Attendance: Vigil 84 / Sunday 178

Date	Weekly Offertory	Weekly Needed	Difference
March 24	\$3481	\$3000	\$481
March 31	\$2720	\$3000	\$(280)
April 7	\$3964	\$3000	\$964
April 14	\$4774	\$3000	\$1774

Easter Flowers \$75

A most sincere thank you to all the men and women who helped with all the work of preparing the church for all the Holy Week activities. **You are appreciated.** Altar Society



19th Annual St. Edward's Tea and Fashion show

TICKETS ARE ON SALE
Sunday April 14th

Buy your ticket today for the St. Edward the Martyr Tea and Fashion Show! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Shirley Gilles or Nancy Haas. Tickets will also be sold after Mass on April 27th and the 28th. They are \$20.00 a piece or a \$120.00 for a table of six. We have had many requests from parishioners from other churches for tickets **so please get yours before they are sold out!** This annual event will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 11 AM here at St. Edwards. It features a high tea inspired luncheon, a very entertaining raffle event with lovely prizes, and a fashion show from local merchants. This year there will be fashions from Bedouin, Wander + NW, Common Threads, Gypsy Wind, and Faveur. The guests will be serenaded by live harp music, and served by the men in our church. It is a wonderful event NOT to be missed. The proceeds of the event will be shared with church programs as well as with nonprofits in the Sisters community. Last year \$400.00 was given to Family Access Network and to the Kiwanis Food Bank, and \$1,200 to parish youth and garden upkeep. We hope to increase that amount this year with your attendance and gifts. Donations are being collected for the raffle. If you have something to donate please contact Sandy Goodsell at 541-480-0183. There will be a tea meeting following Mass April 28th in the back of the coffee area. All are invited. If there are any questions or to purchase tickets please contact co-chairs:

Shirley Gilles at 541-548-5416 or 541-480-5094,
smgilles@bendcable.com

Nancy Haase at 541-480-6950, Beulahbud@msn.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8 am Mass	NO Mass	NO Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	8 am Mass	6 pm Mass:
10 am Mass			For Junker - Ulyot †			For Vern Heiman Family Thanksgiving
Pro Populo	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		

“Wanted - Gentlemen of our Parish to serve Mothers and guests at the Mother’s Day Tea, May 11, 2019.

Lunch will be provided for the servers. Many have volunteered in the past and have found satisfaction and fun in serving.”

Email your name and email address (phone no. if no email) to Larry Labuda lllabuda@gmail.com - for your acceptance of serving and I’ll send the few details.

Origin of the Easter Egg

QUESTION: What is the origin of the Easter egg?



ANSWER:

Exchanging Easter eggs with one another is a custom that goes back thousands of years. Long before its association with Easter, the egg was a symbol of rebirth. Many ancient cultures used the egg to symbolize both rebirth and the universe. Ancient peoples such as the Persians, the Egyptians, the Chinese, the Gauls, and the Romans all used the egg in their springtime celebrations. Thus the origin of the Easter egg predates the origin of Christianity.

However, when Christianity spread to the lands of these ancient cultures, the exchanging of colored eggs became incorporated in the memorial celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, the holy day that came to be known as Easter. These Easter eggs were colored and given as tokens to remind Christians of the tomb and Jesus’ triumphant victory over death.

NO RE Classes today Sunday, April 21st.

There will be an easter egg hunt following the 10 am Easter Mass in the South Garden.

RE Classes resume April 28th

May 5th - First Communion

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



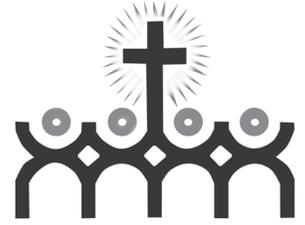
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Due to the lack of participation the Bible challenge is being discontinued in the bulletin. Please continue to study on your own.



**International Food Fest—
May 18th**

The proceeds from this fun event go to our religious sisters: Sisters of Mary of Kakamega and Salesian Sisters of John Bosco. In order for this to happen, we need everyone’s help. Do you have a family recipe you’d like to share that represents your “roots? We need you to be involved. We need those willing to provide funding for the food, to prepare the food, to serve the food, etc. We also need people to join us that evening for the eating! Pricing for the food is \$1, \$2, and \$3, depending on the item and size.

On the weekends of April 6–7 and 13–14, someone will be in the Narthex to take down your information, and find out how you want to help. This event is very complicated to organize, and it can only happen with your help!

Questions? Call Sherry at (541) 383-2305

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Catholic Bishops website:

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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