



THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF PRESTON COUNTY March 26th & 27th 2022

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SATURDAY 3/26/22

ST. EDWARD

4:00 pm – Al & Martha Borgading✘

ST. SEBASTIAN

6:00 pm – Monte Howard Sr ✘

SUNDAY 3/27/22

ST. ZITA

8:30am – Audrey Fraley✘

ST. SEBASTIAN

9:15 am - Faith Formation

10:30 am - Becky Harris✘

SATURDAY 4/2/22

ST. EDWARD

4:00 pm – AVAILABLE

ST. SEBASTIAN

6:00 pm – Howard Borgman Jr, Howard Borgman Sr, and Maxine Borgman✘

SUNDAY 4/3/22

ST. ZITA

8:30am – AVAILABLE

ST. SEBASTIAN

9:15 am - Faith Formation

10:30 am - Kevin Snyder✘

WEEKEND MASS READINGS

- **First Reading** – Joshua 5:9-12
- **Responsorial** – Psalm 34:2-7
- **Second Reading** – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- **Gospel Reading** – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[Link to Mass Readings](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will be having soup and bread this year during lent prior to Stations of the Cross at St. Sebastian. The meal will be from 5:30-6:30 with Stations of the Cross following at 7:00 pm each Friday of Lent.
- St. Zita will also be hosting Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 6:00 pm and St. Edward will host their Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm. Daily missals for the Lenten readings are available at all church locations.
- St. Vincent De Paul will be having a meeting at St. Sebastian this Monday, March 28th at 6:00 pm.
- Knights of Columbus will be having their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 8th from 4-7 pm. Adult meals will be \$10 and kids meals (12 years old and younger) will be \$7. Eat here or carry out! Help is needed so please contact Chris Delauder if you can!
- Knights of Columbus will be having a meeting April 3rd immediately following mass at St. Sebastian
- Congrats Mike Graham for winning St. Zita's 50/50 raffle this past month.
- Please remember, if you need something added to the bulletin, it **MUST** be requested by Tuesday!
- Please see the insert for additional information on the Holy Week schedule and upcoming Synod meeting.
- Please remember Nancy Friend and her family in your prayers due to her recent passing

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Murphy, Mike Todesko, Clyde Gibson,
Cora Wolfe, Theresa Marthey,
Tim Bucklew, Heather Grantz, Debbie Hibbs,
Amelia B, Jane Radabaugh, Buck Turner
Katrina DeBardi, Paul Noll, Sue Clark,
Aileen Rader, Shirley & Lynwood Clark
Lauren Petrelis, Paul Calvert, William Poling

When we recall the parable the parable of the Prodigal Son however, we tend to mostly focus on the younger brother. I do not know about you but there are many times that I have felt the same way the prodigal son did on his journey back home once he realized his folly and grave mistakes. I bet there are times that we all have recognized our sins, recognized how happy we were before we got messed up in our own selfishness, and decided to do all we can to return to at least a small portion of that happiness. At those moments we may not necessarily be seeking to be restored to instant gratification, but rather just be on our father's farm again, happy to be in His Presence, no matter how limited that presence might be. And then to our surprise, we are welcomed back with more love, more joy than we could have ever expected.

The purpose of this parable on this Sunday of Lent is therefore to teach us how happy God is to fully welcome back any sinner that returns to Him with humility and repentance, as did this prodigal son who had spent his life in a reckless living. It teaches us the importance of genuine repentance. This son didn't stay in this foreign country, continuing to live a sinful life, but rather he left it, abandoned his evil, misguided, and sinful ways, and returned home to beg forgiveness and mercy from his father. The father, who represents God, rejoices to have him back, for "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Luke 15:7). This is how merciful God is. This should give us hope and confidence that no matter how we have rejected the love and providence of our Father, He is always, yes always, ready to forgive us as long as we genuinely repent and return to Him.

At this moment of our Lenten journey, we must honestly ask ourselves if we are ready to give up:

- Anger and replace it with joy and happiness
- Hatred and replace it with sacrificial love?
- Impatience and replace it with patience and understanding, especially with those closest to us?
- Gossip and backbiting and replace it with kind words about others?
- Greed and avarice and replace it with generous sharing of our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others?
- Intolerance with tolerance?

These are some of the sins we are called to give up and truly repent for during this Lenten Season.

3/12 & 13/2022 ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>Special Giving</u>
St. Edward	CANCELED	\$155	\$25	\$311
St. Zita	45	\$570	\$100	\$278
St. Sebastian (Sat)	52	\$457		\$80
St. Sebastian (Sun)	56	\$1157	\$90	\$25

[ONLINE GIVING LINK](#)

LAST WEEKEND'S ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>Special Giving</u>
St. Edward	26	\$642	\$100	\$457
St. Zita	53	\$1407	\$100	\$381
Sebastian (Sat)	50	\$297		\$139
St. Sebastian (Sun)	97	\$1610	\$50	\$451

[ONLINE GIVING LINK](#)

If you are in need of the homebound ministry or require communion brought to you, please contact the following communion ministers

ST. EDWARD: Marg Gearhart 443-397-1754, Anne C. Talley 508-395-1570

ST. ZITA: Bob Galusky 304-698-6701

ST. SEBASTIAN: Pauline Bernatowicz 304-329-1337, Mary Somerruk 304-329-1082, Charlie Wolfe 304-441-8426



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