



**November 22, 2020**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**King of the Universe**

**Collection November 15, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$ 557.00
Attendance	25

**Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass as you enter the sanctuary.**

**November 29, 2020 Ministers**

Usher	TBA
Lector	Rebecca Harriman
Commentator	Caleb Harriman

**Readings for November 29, 2020**

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**Daily Readings-** can be found on our webpage at:  
<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

**Donations** – If you are not yet attending Mass, please mail your regular donations to St. Edward’s Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301

**Don’t forget to get your flu shot!!!!**

**Prayer List-** Mike Malloy, Rosanna Vallo, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, Brenda McLawhorn, Paul Bennett, John Balconi, John McNair, Sharon & Jerry Dalton  
 (Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

**Thanksgiving Baskets-** Thanks for your donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to purchase gift cards for six families.

**Names for Memorial Book-** If you would like to add names of family/friends for November to the memorial book for the souls of the faithful departed, please bring them on a sheet of paper or send names to Gaby Stanley.

**In memory of Deacon Charley-** the Church will be taking donations the next two weeks (Nov. 29 & Dec. 8) for the Backpack Program in Wytheville in memory of Deacon Charley. Please put your donation in the basket in the hall or mail checks (made out to St. Edward’s) to the Church; P.O Box 1670.

**Happy November Birthdays!**

Tim Taylor	Nov. 1
Carol Brandau	Nov. 8
Thomas Tedesco	Nov. 11
Melinda Epperley	Nov. 12
Leigh Ann Owen	Nov. 13
Megan Talbert	Nov. 19
<b>Marty White</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
<b>Haley Rakes</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>

**Happy Anniversary**

<b>Danny &amp; Michele Coalson</b>	<b>Nov. 25</b>
<b>Father Bernie</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>

**Covid Tip of the Week-** Thank a front line worker face to face or send them a Thank You Card.

**Wearing a mask is a health issue not a political one.**

**Be Safe!**

## **Preparing for Advent**

**Getting in Touch with Myself** One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

**Salvation From** We are about to read and pray about the expectant hope of Israel, as expressed through Isaiah. The images we will be using are about darkness and gloom - about thick clouds covering the people - and about hunger and thirst. They are images that attempt to capture a sense of what we feel when we are distant from our God. There are many images about war and conflict. They express the powerlessness and anxiety we experience when we feel vulnerable and defense-less. Most of all, there are images of a future day - a day that can only be called the Lord's - when all the tears will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, and when there will be no more conflict and no more war. God's salvation will be made known. God's victory will be complete.

These are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. It is a time to make friends with our tears, our darkness, our hunger and thirst. What is missing? What eludes my grasp? What name can I give to the "restlessness" in my heart? What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? What is the sinful, unloving, self-centered pattern for which I haven't asked for forgiveness and healing? Where do I need a peace that the world cannot give?

**Coming to know where I need a Savior is how I can prepare for Advent** I am preparing to listen to the promises, listen to these rich texts announcing the liberation I can truly long for. When my heart is open, when my hands are open,

when my mouth is open and ready to ask for freedom, healing and peace, then I am ready to begin Advent.

Come, Lord, Jesus. Come and Visit Your People.  
We Await Your Coming; Come, O, Lord.

### Isaiah 35

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.

They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak,

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water; the abode where jackals lurk will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus. A highway will be there, called the holy way; No one unclean may pass over it, nor fools go astray on it. No lion will be there, nor beast of prey go up to be met upon it. It is for those with a journey to make, and on it the redeemed will walk.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Isaiah 35 from: New American Bible  
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