



**December 13, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Collection December 6, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$ 1026.00
Backpack, Daily Bread, & Take to Streets	\$ 115.00
Attendance	28

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

**December 20, 2020 Ministers**

Usher	TBA
Lector	Donna Hathaway
Commentator	Patty Williams

**Readings for December 13, 2020**

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Reading 2: Romans: 16:25-27  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

**Information about St. Edward-** Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

**Donations-** please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301 if you are not attending Mass.

**Mass Live Stream-** Mass is still live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 at <http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchwytheville>

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

**Christmas Flowers-** The Church is now collecting money for flowers for the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Please drop flower envelopes in the collection basket or mail to the Church. Thanks in advance.

**In memory of Deacon Charley-** Your Pastoral Council has voted to donate \$175 to each of the following Organizations for a total of \$525 in memory of Deacon Charley: Daily Bread of Pulaski, Take it to the Streets, and the Backpack Program of Wytheville. If anyone would like to add to the contributions, please do so by December 20, 2020. Donations may be placed in the basket entering the sanctuary or mail checks to the Church at PO Box 1670, Pulaski. Checks should be made out to the Church and if you have a preference of the organization please indicate on the check.

**Happy DECEMBER Birthdays!**

Mary Klima	Dec. 4
Walt Harriman	Dec. 8
Wayne Trail	Dec. 9
John Balconi	Dec. 10
<b>Joan Jennings</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>
Dan Grubb	Dec. 21
Mary Beth McNair	Dec. 31

**Happy Anniversary**

<b>Mike &amp; Yvette Fleenor</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Nancy Bishop</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>

**Covid Tip of the Week-** Follow the three W's of Covid: Wash your hands, Wear your mask, Watch your distance.

***Please Keep Father Bernie in your prayers.***

**Be Safe!**

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

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**

Dec. 24, 2020	Vigil Mass	4:30pm 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Edward's
Dec. 24	Midnight Mass	9:30pm	St. Mary's
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	1:00am	St. Mary's
Dec. 27	Holy Family	11:00am	St. Edward's
Dec. 31	Vigil Mass	6:00pm	St. Mary's
Jan. 1, 2021	New Year	6:00pm 12 noon	St. Mary's St. Edward's
Jan. 3 2021	Epiphany	11:00am	St. Edward's
Jan. 10, 2021	Baptism of the Lord	11:00am	St. Edward's

*“Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts.”*

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have “started” on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: “Do not be afraid!”

*Creighton U Online Ministries*

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: “Do not be afraid.”

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.