



**December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Collection November 29, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$ 350.00
Backpack Program	\$ 90.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Attendance	24

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

**December 13, 2020 Ministers**

Usher	TBA
Lector	Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator	John Balconi

**Readings for December 13, 2020**

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
 Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

**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, George Marunich, Amanda Linkous, Sharon and Jerry Dalton.

(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

**Holy Day-** Mass for Solemnity of Immaculate Conception will be at 10am on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> here at St. Edward's. In Wytheville at St. Mary's the vigil Mass will be at 6pm on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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
Joan Jennings	Dec. 18
Dan Grubb	Dec. 21
Mary Beth McNair	Dec. 31

**Happy Anniversary**

Mike & Yvette Fleenor	Dec. 29
Mark & Nancy Bishop	Dec. 30

**Covid Tip of the Week-** As we learn more about Covid-19, keep informed of the latest information and guidelines from the CDC.

Keep Father Bernie in your prayers.

**Be Safe!**

## *The Two Parts of Advent*

### *Part 1: up until December 16*

*While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day.*

*After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior.*

*So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.*

### *Part 2: December 17 – 24*

*In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke.*

*Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.*

*So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.*

