



**January 31, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection January 24, 2020**

Regular Collection	\$ 454.00
Attendance	27

**February 7, 2021 Ministers**

Lector	John Balconi
Commentator	Dan Grubb

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

**Readings for January 31, 2021**

Reading 1: Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

**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, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, Brenda McLawhorn, John Balconi, John McNair, Joan Jennings, Amanda Linkous, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Tia Scarpinato, Bill Jennings, Angelo LoMascolo, Lynn Canty, Rick Yost, Betty Morris, Eloise Franzysheh, Norah Bolling, and Connie Armentrout.  
 (Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

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

**Ash Wednesday Service-** Distribution of ashes will be Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm.

**Diocese of Richmond-** Check out the website for the Richmond Diocese for what's happening and updated information on issues which affects Catholics. <https://richmonddiocese.org>

**Happy February Birthdays!**

<b>Cole Trail</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>
<b>Jennie Willett</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>
Stephanie Tedesco	Feb. 9
Nancy Bishop	Feb. 9
Melody Riffey	Feb. 11
Amanda Williams	Feb. 11
Karen Audas	Feb. 14
Rebecca Harriman	Feb. 15
Hannah Fleenor	Feb. 18
Dan Butler	Feb. 20
Emelda Tabar	Feb. 27

**Happy February Anniversaries**

<b>John &amp; Mickey Balconi</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>
Pam & Lee Crowder	Feb. 15
Tim & Mariah Taylor	Feb 29

**Covid Tip of the Week-** Sign-up to get your vaccine. Continue to wear a mask even if you have already gotten your first or second shot. There is still a small chance that you can be infected.

**Be Safe!**

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason I don't ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.