



March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

<u>Collection March 14, 2021</u>	
Collection	\$ 800.00
Flowers	\$ 57.00
Catholic Relief	\$105.00
Attendance	31

March 28, 2021 Ministers

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: Dan Grubb

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

Readings for March 21, 2021 Palm Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel:

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, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Lynn Canty, Carrie Lane, Connie Armentrout, and Father Bernie.

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

Important Spring Clean-up- This will be the second year that we cannot do our regular spring clean-up day at the church. We are asking that you and/or your family come whenever you want to help out. A list is available on the table in the Hall to sign up for what you would like to do. Go ahead and sign up for one or more things and then you can do them at your own convenience. If you need a key to get into the church or shed, please see Stan Stanley. We would like to have everything finished by Holy Week. Thanks for always being available to help out.

Penance Service- our penance service will be here at St. Edward's at 7:00 pm this Thursday March 25.

Holy Week Schedule- See the Holy week Schedule on the next page of the bulletin.

<u>Happy March Birthdays!</u>	
Ian Grube	Mar. 8
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
Alex Fernandez	Mar. 10
Mike Fleenor	Mar. 11
John McNair	Mar. 20
<u>Guenter Schlottmann</u>	<u>Mar. 23</u>
<u>Madelyn Owen</u>	<u>Mar. 26</u>
Angie Trail	Mar. 30

<u>Happy March Anniversaries</u>	
John & Mary Beth McNair	Mar. 14

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going on in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle.

If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday	- St. Mary's Wytheville only	7:00 pm
Good Friday-	St. Edward's	3:00 pm
	St. Mary's	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil	St. Mary's	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday	St. Mary's	9:00 am
	St. Edward's	11:00 am