



July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection July 4, 2021

Collection	\$ 885.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 40.00
Attendance	43

July 18, 2021 Ministers

Lector: Rebecca Harriman
Commentator: Caleb Harriman

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

Readings for July 18, 2021

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Reading 2: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

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.

Prayer List- Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, John Balconi, Joan Jennings, Lynn Canty, Stacy Lewis, Brenda Thompson, Eddie Breedlove, Barbara Pittman, Rohith Ashok, Garrett Dalton, Pat McGrady, Christine Scarpinato, Gary Gibson, Jerry Stanley, Susan Bennett, and Father Bernie.

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

Father Boat Celebration- Next week after Mass, we will have a dinner in honor of Father Boat to celebrate his Birthday and his 30th Anniversary to the Priesthood. The church will furnish the Main Dish and everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. Hope everyone can join us for our first get-together after the pandemic.

CCD Classes for Grades 1-12- Classes for our youth, for the year 2021-22 will begin in October and end in April. We need to have a count of those who plan to participate so that we can order materials. If you want to sign up your child, please text the following information to Gaby Stanley at 540-250-2602 by July 15. Include your child's full name, date of birth, year in school, and sacraments already received at this point. Thank you.

Welcome back Father Boat!

Birthdays

Linda McCann	July 4
Case Grube	July 6
Bernard LeFleur	July 11
Sharon Eifried	July 12
Brenda May	July 13
Michele Coalson	July 16
Joseph Verduci	July 22
Donna Hathaway	July 25
Annabelle Williams	July 30
Fely Fernandez	July 31

Happy June Anniversaries

Gary & Sharon Eifried	July 4
Stephanie & Roger Bain	July 7
Father Boat	July 13

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day. We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praises.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine if, with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer today and when I get home from work.

We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or going to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire. This week, we can find concrete times in our week, in real encounters and responsibilities of our very busy lives to say these or similar words:

Lord, help me to be more childlike today. Help me simply come to you when I'm burdened or just tired, rather than all the other places I tend to go for relief. Let me be yoked to you as I carry out the promises of my life today. Free me from my impatience and tendency to judge others. Teach me how showing others the mercy you have showed me is more important than my hard driving sacrifice.

One day this week, one of these prayers will be just right. Another day, a much more personal request will come to us. What is important is that we grow in the habit of connecting with Jesus throughout the day, in these brief moments in the background of our lives. We have these moments, and we can easily get better

at finding them. Then we can quickly grow in recognizing how the desires in our hearts can get formed and deepened through letting the Word into our hearts. We can practice beginning each day with a moment of prayer, asking for a desire and then repeating and refining that desire throughout the day.

We will discover that this is very consoling and enjoyable. We will experience ourselves growing in gratitude as God is generously giving us what we ask for, and we are indeed finding intimacy with Jesus each day. And when we get ready for bed each night, we can develop a habit of simply giving thanks – telling Jesus we are so grateful that we were not alone this day and how much we are grateful for his presence, mercy and for the mission he's sharing with us.