



July 18, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection July 11, 2021

Collection	\$ 811.00
Attendance	50

July 25, 2021 Ministers

Lector: Madelyn Owen
 Commentator: Chad Owen

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

Readings for July 25, 2021

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Reading 2: Ephesians 4:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-15

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, Barbara Pittman, Rohith Ashok, Garrett Dalton, Christine Scarpinato, Gary Gibson, Jerry Stanley, Susan Bennett, Brenda McLawhorn, and Father Bernie.
 (Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Catholic Relief Services- The Diocese of Richmond's first **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Chapter** is up and running! In an effort to end global poverty, CRS Chapter members come together to amplify their voices for global justice through meaningful grassroots action. Chapter members have **exclusive opportunities** to hone their leadership skills through CRS webinars, presentations from guest speakers working on the ground all around the world, trainings that provide concrete skills, and valuable networking opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about the CRS Chapter and how you can become involved, please send an email to osm@richmonddiocese.org

July Birthdays

Linda McCann	July 4
Case Grube	July 6
Bernard LaFleur	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 July Anniversaries

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

growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.

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Daily Prayer This Week

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being “contemplatives in action.” For us busy people, it is possible to pray - “to lift our minds and hearts to God” - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, “O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow.” I may pray: “Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today.” Or we might ask, “Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so.” Perhaps, we can pray, “Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that even though not everything I say or do will seem to work, you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful.”

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in having this ongoing conversation and connection with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a