



July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary

Collection July 18, 2021

Collection	\$ 960.00
Attendance	53

August 1, 2021 Ministers

Lector: *Patty Williams*
 Commentator: *Dan Grubb*

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

Readings for August 1, 2021

Reading 1: *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*
 Reading 2: *Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*
 Gospel: *John 6:24-35*

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)

Thanks- Thanks to all who helped with the dinner last week after Mass. Everyone seemed to enjoy our get together after a long time of Covid restrictions.

Also - Thanks to the choir for a super job they do each week to make Mass so meaningful with their music ministry. When you get a chance, let them know how much it adds to the Mass experience.

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

Be kind to someone you meet this week!

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Daily Prayer This Week

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.