



July 4, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

<u>Collection June 27, 2021</u>	
Collection	\$ 970.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 35.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Attendance	41

July 11, 2021 Ministers
 Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
 Commentator: Gaby Stanley

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

Readings for July 11, 2021

Reading 1: Amos 7:12-15
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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, Ernie Garter, Gary Gibson, Barbara Pittman, Jerry Stanley, and Father Bernie.

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

Father Boat Celebration- On July 18th we will have a dinner after Mass 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.

Happy Fourth of July!!!!

<u>Birthdays!</u>	
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 Verducci	July 22
Donna Hathaway	July 25
Annabelle Williams	July 30
Fely Fernandez	July 31

<u>Happy June Anniversaries</u>	
Gary & Sharon Eifried	July 4
Stephanie & Roger Bain	July 7
Father Boat	July 13

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Daily Prayer This Week

As Jesus heals, he gives courage. As he carries out his ministry of healing and announcing the good news of the closeness of the Kingdom of God, he is filled with compassion for all those who suffer and who need this encouraging news. So Jesus calls us to join him. This isn't the call to priesthood or religious life. This is the universal call addressed to all of us to see with the same compassionate eyes of Jesus and to reach out and heal others. As Jesus sends us, he knows that we will encounter resistance and opposition - sometimes from within our own heart first, but certainly from others. He always tells us not to be afraid. Even when things happen that take away our peace, our peace will be given back to us. He knows he is sending us like sheep among the wolves of this world, and so he asks us to be both wise and simple - two great gifts for our mission. He assures us that even when we don't know how to speak tender or reconciling words, the Spirit will speak through us. The only thing we need to fear is the stuff we get into that can actually destroy our soul.

What a great week to ask for the grace to be responsive to his call! All week, with attentive eyes, we can see with Jesus' own compassion, where he is directing our heart to love and to heal. We begin the week with such a great orientation. Jesus invites us to come to him with our burdens and the stuff that weighs us down and then he sends us. He doesn't say we are not supposed to expect burdens. He just invites us to take up his burden, the ministry he gives to each of us.

Each day, following our pattern of focusing throughout the day in brief moments of conversation and connection with the Lord, we can consciously recognize the "calls" the Lord has given us and is offering us. And we can acknowledge them, accept them, embrace them. Of course, our primary relationships are all the ways we live our discipleship call. So often though, these relationships are where we need the greatest courage to be tender, compassionate and courageous in loving, in letting the Spirit speak through us. Let's ask ourselves all week: how can I bring healing and peace to each important relationship in my life? And, where I'm afraid, or resistant, or even where I've given up, that can be the place of the deepest and most important prayer of the week. It certainly can be the place we come to Jesus to be refreshed.

All week, we can try to be conscious of how our day to day work is part of our call from the Lord: to be an agent in the world for good, to make products, to

offer goods and services to people, to coordinate human activities, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus. When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work; ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity.

As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make these more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The harvest has his guarantee of abundance.