



August 1, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection July 25, 2021

Collection	\$412.00
Attendance	50

August 8, 2021 Ministers

Lector: John Balconi
 Commentator: Debbie Grubb

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

Readings for August 8, 2021

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:4-8
 Reading 2: Ephesians 4:30—5:2
 Gospel: John 6:41-51

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, 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 - A big thank you to all who serve as Lectors and Commentators. Here at St. Edward's, we are blessed to have a great group of individuals who proclaim the word of God and lead us each week to make our Mass very special. Don't forget to occasionally tell them thank you.

Help needed- we are in need of individuals who would like to serve as ushers during Mass.

Also, someone is needed to coordinate the **Church Picnic** on September 12th. Contact Stan Stanley if you can help.

August Birthdays

Graycee Epperly	August 3
Austin Epperly	August 5
Wesley Young	August 7
Jody Riffey	August 9
Gabrielle Alley	August 10
Jack McCann	August 11
Tim Kimbleton	August 19
Lee Crowder	August 25
Rick Yost	August 26
Mickey Balconi	August 29

August Anniversaries

Marty White & Marsha DuBose
August 11
Stan & Gabriella Stanley
August 29

Give someone a compliment this week.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can

give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.