



August 15, 2021

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collection August 8, 2021

Collection	\$434.00
Attendance	45

August 22, 2021 Ministers

Lector: Chad Owen
Commentator: Madelyn Owen

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

Readings for August 22, 2021

Reading 1: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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, Mary Beth & John McNair, Drema Altizer, and Father Bernie.

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

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

Financial Council -The Finance Committee has 2 needs for your consideration:

- We have a need for 2 additional volunteers to serve on a rotational basis as an "offering counter"
- We have a vacancy for a qualified individual to serve on the finance committee

Church Picnic- The church picnic will be held on September 12th at the home of Bob and Cheri Strenz. More details to follow.

August Birthdays

Graycee Epperly	August 3
Austin Epperly	August 5
Wesley Young	August 7
Jody Riffey	August 9
Gabby 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

Pray the Rosary this week.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week, mostly with practical advice and challenging ideas.

It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent. For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what “success” really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord calling us to do with our lives.

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a treadmill. We begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us, and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively.

So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What really makes this effective is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the “in between times” of the day.

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allows him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.