



August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection August 15, 2021

Collection	\$1697
Assumption	\$ 60
Maintenance	\$1000
Attendance	45

August 29, 2021

Lector: Wesley Young

Commentator: Guenter Schlottmann

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

Readings for August 29, 2021

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Reading 2: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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, Jodie Riffey, Stacy Lewis, Barbara Pittman, Rohith Ashok, Garrett Dalton, Christine Scarpinato, Susan Bennett, Mary Beth McNair, John McNair, Drema Altizer, and Father Bernie.

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

Church Picnic- The church picnic will be held on September 12th at the home of Bob and Cheri Strenz (4800 Cedar Point Ln., Dublin). The church will furnish the hamburgers and hot dog. Everyone is asked to bring a side and/or a dessert. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the hall with the number attending.

Masks- At the recommendation of the CDC, the diocese is requesting that we all wear masks indoors while attending Mass or church activities.

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
Jackie Hodges	August 22
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

"Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me."

"Taken from the *Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer* of Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with Permission."

Daily Prayer This Week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as “raising the mind and heart to God.” It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is “heart to heart.” So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter “the narrow gate,” by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word “awake” and to carry it all day long. “Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day.” We may want to ask, “Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts.”

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, “Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this

freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others.”