



August 8, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

<u>Collection August 1, 2021</u>	
Collection	\$1100.00
Attendance	44

August 15, 2021 Ministers

Lector: Donna Hathaway
 Commentator: Caleb Harriman

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

Readings for August 15, 2021

Reading 1: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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 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.

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

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

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

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

Forgive a family member or a friend.

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Daily Prayer This Week

It is marvelous how each week's readings offer us new ways to open our hearts to God's grace. Sometimes, as with a psalm, we feel God's real presence as we sense God "who filled my soul with fire!" Like Israel, it is good for us to look back from time to time and gratefully remember all God has done for us and to renew our "Amen" to the new covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep uncovering something inside of us that we can talk with our Lord about, at various "in between" times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.

This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before my own.