



**September 12, 2021**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Collection September 5, 2021**

Collection	\$865
Attendance	48

**September 19, 2021**

Lector: Terrie Hancock

Commentator: Guenter Schlottmann

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

**Readings for September 19, 2021**

Reading 1: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Reading 2: James 3:16—4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

**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 Carty, Carol Carty, Jody Riffey, Stacy Lewis, Barbara Pittman, Rohith Ashok, Christine Scarpinato, Jerry Stanley, Susan Bennett, Mary Beth McNair, John McNair, and Father Bernie.  
(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

**Church Picnic-** The church picnic will be held today after Mass, at the home of Bob and Cheri Strenz (4800 Cedar Point Ln. Dublin, off of State Park Rd—only 20 min. from church). The church will furnish the hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone is asked to bring a side and/or a dessert.

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

**September Birthdays**

Jean Jennings	Sept 4
Caleb Harriman	Sept 8
Rick Grube	Sept 8
Michael Vallo	Sept 10
<b>Materina Carper</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>
<b>Fr Bernie Ramirez</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>
<b>Chloe Carr</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>
Debbie Grubb	Sept 21
Patty Williams	Sept 24
Marsha DuBose	Sept 27

**September Anniversaries**

None

Getting vaccinated is an “act of love”- Pope Francis

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## Daily Prayer This Week

Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and disasters, and on divisions and conflicts. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - from dire poverty, from years of wars, and from ecological policies that leave the earth in trouble and people worse off. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.