



September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection August 29, 2021

Collection	\$960
Attendance	42

September 12, 2021

Lector: Dan Grubb

Commentator: Patty Williams

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

Readings for September 12, 2021

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4c-9a

Reading 2: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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, Carol Canty, 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 next Sunday, September 12th 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. 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.

September Birthdays

Jean Jennings	Sept 4
Caleb Harriman	Sept 8
Rick Grube	Sept 8
Michael Vallo	Sept 10
Materina Carper	Sept 12
Fr Bernie Ramirez	Sept 12
Chloe Carr	Sept 16
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

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered, and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, as we realize our need for forgiveness, and God's great love for us as sinners.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. To whose faults do I pay most attention? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

In this week when we celebrate Mary's birth, we might ask her to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.