



October 17, 2021

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Collection October 10, 2021

Collection	\$573.00
Attendance	35

October 24, 2021

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann

Commentator: John Balconi

Usher: Hathaway/Stanley

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

Readings for October 17, 2021

Reading 1: Jerimiah 31:7-9

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Information about St. Edward- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, 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, Jody Riffey, Stacy Lewis, Rohith Ashok, Christine Scarpinato, Susan Bennett, John McNair, Michael Linkous, Bailey Dunford, Megan Talbert, and Father Bernie.

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

Masks- At the recommendation of the CDC, the diocese request that we ALL wear masks indoors while attending Mass or during church activities.

Pastoral Council- Next meeting is November 7, 2021 directly after Mass. We have not met as a group since before Covid 19 restrictions were put in place. Members of the Pastoral Council are: Mickey Balconi, Carol Brandau, Donna Hathaway, Sally Warburton, Patty Williams, Terri Hancock, Chad Owens, and Caleb Harriman. Standing Committee chairs are: Dan Grubb-Finance, Stan Stanley- Hospitality & Maintenance, Debbie Grubb- Worship/Liturgy, and Gaby Stanley- Religious Education.

Homilies – Father Boat's Homilies can be found on the Churches webpage every week. They usually are posted each Sunday afternoon or early Monday morning. Find them and other information at <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

October Birthdays

Ken Klima	Oct 3
Declan Taylor	Oct 5
Stephanie Bain	Oct 6
Richard Richardson	Oct 8
Sharon Dalton	Oct 11
Lisa Schlottmann	Oct 13
Gabriella Stanley	Oct 23
Terrie Hancock	Oct 24

October Anniversaries

Allen and Karen Audus	Oct 2
Larry and Melody Riffey	Oct 15
Bob and Cheri Strenz	Oct 20
Wayne and Angie Trail	Oct 28

Getting vaccinated is an "act of love"- Pope Francis

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released *from* what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free *for* whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.