



**November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Collection November 21, 2021**

Collection	\$3975.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
Gift Cards	\$380.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00
Attendance	43

**December 5, 2021**

Lector: Wesley Young

Commentator: Debbie Grubb

Usher: Schlottmann Family

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

**Readings for December 5, 2021**

Reading 1: Baruch 5:1-9

Reading 2: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

**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** - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, John McNair, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Bob Huttick, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, and Father Bernie.  
(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

**Thanksgiving Baskets-** Instead of collecting non-perishable good for baskets this year, the Women's Club will be accepting monetary donations to give gift cards. Even though the cards have been distributed, more money is needed to cover the cost. Make checks out to St. Edward's and in the memo indicate "Holiday gift cards".

**Pastoral Council-** Anyone wishing to serve on St. Edward's Pastoral Council, please contact Sally Warburton.

**Preparing for Advent**(check it out)- There are a number of outstanding resources for individuals and families to prepare for Advent on the web. Want to know what Advent offers us? Curious about how we can do it better? The "Praying Advent" site, offered by Creighton University's Online Ministries has a number of ways to get us in a state of mind and heart to get ready for Advent. It promises to help us have the best Advent experience ever. Just Google "Praying Advent" to find the site:  
[onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent](https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent) or use the QR code.



**Nov/Dec Birthdays**

<b>Marty White</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
<b>Haley Rakes</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
<b>Mary Klima</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>
Walter Harriman	Dec. 8
Wayne Trail	Dec. 9
John Balconi	Dec. 10
Cheri Strenz	Dec. 10
Joan Jennings	Dec. 18
Dan Grubb	Dec. 21
Mary Beth McNair	Dec. 31

**December Anniversaries**

Mike and Yvette Fleenor Dec. 29

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

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### Daily Prayer This Week

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry that we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will “find joy in the Lord.” And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, “the Lord binds up the wounds of his people.”

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. “Come, Lord.” “Come and save me.” “Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life.” “Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me.”

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?*

*The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?” (Ps. 27)*

**Custodian Needed-** St. Edward's is in need of a custodian to fill the position of Richard Richardson, who has indicated he will retire in the near future. The part-time position will include, but not be limited to: keeping the church clean, purchasing supplies, putting out the trash, picking up mail at the post office, minor maintenance repairs, and reporting maintenance issues to the maintenance committee. Candidates must be willing to be flexible, to complete the Diocesan required VIRTUS training, and to pass a background check. If interested please contact Dan Grubb (540-320-9224) or Stan Stanley (540-250-4861).