



December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Collection November 28, 2021

Collection	\$ 722.00
Gift Cards	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 127.00
Human Development	\$ 5.00
Attendance	44

December 12, 2021

Lector: *Patty Williams*

Commentator: *Dan Grubb*

Usher: *Hathaway/McNair*

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

Readings for December 12, 2021

Reading 1: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

Reading 2: *Philippians 4:4-7*

Gospel: *Luke 3:10-18*

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- Thanks so much for your donations for the gift cards

Holy Day of Obligation- Mass for The Immaculate Conception will be at 12:00 noon on Wednesday December 8th.

Preparing for Advent- Did you know there are two parts of Advent. Check out the *The "Praying Advent" site, offered by Creighton University's Online Ministries* It promises to help us have the best Advent experience ever. Just go to the site: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent or use the QR code.



December Birthdays

<i>Mary Klima</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>
<i>Walter Harriman</i>	<i>Dec. 8</i>
<i>Wayne Trail</i>	<i>Dec. 9</i>
<i>John Balconi</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>
<i>Cheri Strenz</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>
<i>Joan Jennings</i>	<i>Dec. 18</i>
<i>Dan Grubb</i>	<i>Dec. 21</i>
<i>Mary Beth McNair</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>

December Anniversaries

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

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Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask, even more specifically, for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert - and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

ST. EDWARD'S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 8	Holy Day- The Immaculate Conception	12:00 pm (noon)
December 16	Individual Confession	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
December 24	Caroling	6:30 – 7:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Mass	7:00 pm
December 25	No Mass at St. Edward's	-----
January 1	No Mass at St. Edward's	-----
January 2	Epiphany of the Lord	11:00 am