



**January 23, 2022**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection January 16, 2022**

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Attendance

No Mass- Snow

**January 30, 2022**

Lector: Terrie Hancock

Commentator: Guenter Schlottmann

Ushers: Hathaway/Stanley

**Readings for January 30, 2022**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

**Information about St. Edwards-** 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, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Jerry Dalton, Gary Gibson, Dan Hood, Kenneth Martin, and Father Bernie.

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

**New Schedules** – New schedules for Lectors, Ushers, and Commentators will be sent out this week via email. If anyone does not receive one, please contact Stan Stanley.

**Pastoral Council Meeting-** The Pastoral Council will meet today after Mass. If you are on the Council or a Committee Chairman, please plan to stay. The meeting should be no more than one hour.

**Year-end financial statements-** Year-end statements will be available next Sunday after Mass.

**January Birthdays**

Brenda Lessard Jan. 1

Larry Riffey Jan. 3

Jessi Williams Jan. 8

Cora Wojciechowski Jan. 18

Pam Choroco-Crowder Jan. 20

**January Anniversaries**

Alex & Fely Fernandez Jan. 4

Bill & Jean Jennings Jan. 13

The **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** begins to take us through **Luke's Gospel**. We will follow it for the next several Sundays until Lent begins; it picks up again after the Easter season when Ordinary Time returns. It introduces Jesus as returning to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit” where he goes to the synagogue and teaches from Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” He ends with the stunning words “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?