



January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection January 23, 2022

Collection	\$1011.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Respect for Life	\$ 27.00
Attendance	41

February 6, 2022

Lector: Terrie Hancock
Commentator: Debbie Grubb
Ushers: Schlottmann Family

Readings for February 6, 2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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, Walter Jennings, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Jerry Dalton, Dan Hood, Kenneth Martin, and Father Bernie.

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

Greetings- The St. Edward's family received a card last week from Mandy Williams. Mandy now lives in England with her new husband and is teaching school. The card and her address is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. She would surely like to hear from her St. Edward's family.

Year-end financial statements- Year-end statements are available on the table in the Hall.

February Birthdays

Cole Trail	Feb. 1
Jennie Willett	Feb. 5
Stephanie Tedesco	Feb. 9
Melody Riffey	Feb. 11
Amanda Willams	Feb. 11
Karen Audas	Feb. 14
Rebecca Harriman	Feb. 15
Dan Butler	Feb. 20
Emelda Tabar	Feb. 27

January Anniversaries

John & Mickey Balconi Feb. 4
Pam & Lee Crowder Feb. 15
Tim & Mariah Taylor Feb. 29

Praying in Ordinary Time

The five to eight weeks of Ordinary Time - after the Christmas Season and before Lent begins - is a wonderful time to pray. In many ways, it can be a pre-Lent period.

In our [Weekly Guides for Daily Prayer](#), we outline what is happening in each week's readings and we offer suggestions for staying reflective. If we use them each week, between now and the beginning of Lent, it will help us prepare for Lent in a wonderful way. (see the one for this week on the next page)

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words, early each day, as soon as we get up or while in the shower or while dressing, helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day. "Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to." Each of us can make this 30 second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God's presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Savior can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' home town say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to *want* to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening before we sleep, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Savior throughout this busy day.