



February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection February 6, 2022

Collection	\$ 1496.00
Catholic Virginia	\$ 10.00
Respect for Life	\$ 20.00
Attendance	38

February 20, 2022

Lector: Chad Owen
Commentator: Madelyn Owen
Ushers: Hathaway/Stanley

Readings for February 20, 2022

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Prayer List - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Walter Jennings, Jr, 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)

New Holy Water Font- We now have a touchless Holy Water Font located at the doors of the Sanctuary. Place your fingers under the nozzle. Please do not touch the font itself.

Mission Coop Weekend – Next Sunday Father Boat will be in Williamsburg at St. Bede’s for Mission Coop. Msgr. Joe Lehman from St. Bede’s will be here to celebrate Mass with us.

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

Information about St. Edwards- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at:

<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

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What can we do before Lent begins

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to it, to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can find much fruit in the readings. **James** offers us much very practical wisdom about perseverance and about our temptations. Our temptations come from our desires which are need of healing. He warns us about anger. He encourages to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you," and for us to "Be doers of the word and not just hearers." He warns us about showing partiality and ignoring the poor. He clearly cautions us about "faith without good works." Finally, he warns us about how our tongues can be like fire and do much harm.

In **Mark's Gospel** we can watch Jesus instructing his disciples on his mission and on our mission to be his disciples. We can ask for the grace to help us with our blindness - in whatever area where we might fail to see what Jesus is showing us about the meaning of our lives as his disciples. We can ask for the vision to see what he means when he says that if we try to save our lives we will lose them. We can ask to recognize ways we can let go of what we might be clinging to, in order to "lose our life for his sake and that of the Gospel," allowing us to really save our life.

We can let ourselves feel a renewed desire for a deeper personal encounter with Jesus that allows us both to say who he is for me - my Lord and Savior - and to follow him on the road to the Cross - where he dies for my sins and is raised so that I might have the gift of everlasting life. Where, how do I, like Peter, try to deflect Jesus from the path of saving me? How do I resist going with him along that road? How do it tend to think the way the world thinks, rather than the way God thinks?

This can be a week of growing freedom. With growing desire to be closer to him, practiced in the everyday small moments of conversations with Jesus, each of us can grow in the passion to live the word more faithfully, and feel the transforming power of this life of grace in him.

And, it can be a week of growing gratitude as each moment of closeness with the one who loves us so intimately, fills us with joy and a peace nothing else in the world can give.