



**February 6 , 2022**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection January 30, 2022**

Collection	\$ 731.00
Catholic Virginia	\$ 15.00
Solemnity Of Mary	\$ 20.00
Holy Water Font	\$ 225.00
Attendance	30

**February 13, 2022**

Lector: Charlotte Phillips  
Commentator: Debbie Grubb  
Ushers: Hathaway/Klima

**Readings for February 13, 2022**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 17: 5-8  
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

**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)

**New Holy Water Font-** We now have a touchless Holy Water Font located at the doors of the Sanctuary. All you have to do is place your fingers under the nozzle. Please do not touch the font itself. We would like to thank Bill and Jean Jennings and Wesley Young who made a donation to purchase our font. Wesley would like to make his donation in memory of his mother Brenda Lee and all deceased parishioners of St. Edward's.

**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
<b>Stephanie Tedesco</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>
<b>Melody Riffey</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>
<b>Amanda Willams</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>
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

**Growing in our Relationship with Jesus**

The season of Ordinary Time can be rich and blessed because the readings and prayers offered us in this season are wonderful. They give us a chance to grow in our attraction to Jesus and to stoke our desire for a deeper, personal relationship with him.

May the Lord who has begun this great work in us, continue it in us, to its completion.

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

“My heart is moved with pity," Jesus says in one of the gospels this week, and we see his compassion in the healing stories in this week's gospels. This seems like the perfect time for us to ask Jesus for the healing we need in our lives.

We can take one gospel - for example the Monday gospel - and pray with it as if we were in the story. Jesus and his disciples cross the sea and as soon as they land, people rush to bring those who need healing to him. We can imagine ourselves seeing Jesus, the crowds gathering, the jostle of people bringing their sick on mats. People yelling for Jesus' attention.

Then we can imagine a moment where Jesus steps away from the throng and takes us aside. With loving eyes he looks at us and asks us, "Where do you need healing? Where can I be with you?"

It is there, in that powerful moment, that we can speak to Jesus as we would a friend. We can search our hearts and ask Jesus for the healing he already knows we need:

- “Help me, Jesus, with my impatience with my family. Let me not nag at those I love so much. Heal my lack of compassion for them.”

- “Touch my heart, Jesus. Give me the selfless love I need in my marriage not to 'keep score.' Only with your help can I continue to be loving, even when it feels like some days I am the only one carrying my marriage.”

- “Jesus, I become afraid of failing and I feel like one of those people lying on a mat, waiting for you to touch my life. Yet when I sense your healing presence coming close, I roll away from you so you don't see me. Give me the courage I need to ask for your healing and to get up and answer your call for me to serve.”

When we pray with a gospel, we can carry an image from that prayer with us all day long. As we get out of bed in the morning, cook meals or go about our day, we can be aware of Jesus' standing with us, ready to heal us, if only we would ask.

What is it that needs healing in me this week? Where will I allow Jesus to touch my life?