

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collection March 20, 2022

Collection	\$ 290.00
Relief Services	20.00
Attendance	47

April 3, 2022

Lector: Wesley Young
Commentator: Charlotte Phillips
Ushers: Stanley/McNair

Readings for April 3, 2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21
Reading 2: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

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, Jr, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Kenneth Martin, Richard Richardson, and Father Bernie.

Matthew Kelly Books -You will find 2 different books on the table in the Hall. Each family is welcome to one of each, until they are gone. There is no cost.

Suppers/Stations of the Cross - We will have a soup supper at 6:15, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 this Wed. You are welcome to come to one or both. The sign-up sheet to bring soup is in the Hall. We need 2 each week.

Mar/Apr Birthday

Angie Trail	Mar. 30
Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Kenneth Martin	Apr. 9
Carla Martin	Apr. 9
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23
Malek Tabar	Apr. 24
Marie Hagar	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28



April Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Grubb Apr. 12



Prayer composed by Archbishop Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection; no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are the prophets of a future not our own. Amen

It's not too late to plant your seeds this Lent!

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Daily Prayer This Week

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is *not* a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It *is* grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

Reconciliation- Father will have individual confession on Thursday April 7th from 5:00-6:00pm.

Schedule for Lent and Easter

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross (6:15 and 7:00pm)

March 30

April 6

Holy Thursday 5:00pm St. Edward's
7:00 pm St. Mary's

Good Friday 5:00 pm St. Edward's
7:00 pm St. Mary's

Easter Vigil 8:30 pm St. Mary's

Easter Sunday 9:00 am St. Mary's
11:00 am St. Edward's

<u>Fasting</u>	<u>Abstinence</u>
Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Who is excluded for fasting and abstinence? Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.