



March 6, 2022

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection February 27, 2022

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| Collection | \$ 1,191.00 |
| Attendance | 44 |

March 13, 2022

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: John Balconi
Ushers: Hathaway/Stanley

Readings for March 13, 2022

Reading 1: Book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Reading 2: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

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, Jerry Dalton, Kenneth Martin, Richard Richardson, and Father Bernie.

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

New Floor- A new vinyl plank floor will be put down in the Hall, foyer, and offices of the church, hopefully between mid-March and early April. A lot of the items in these rooms will have to be moved. Anyone who can help us, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. To begin the process, our first planned workday will be on Saturday, March 12, at 9:00. We will stop before noon, and then work again another day. There is a lot to be done before the flooring is laid. We need your help. Thank you!

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross - We will have a soup supper at 6:15, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00, for the next 5 Wednesdays during Lent. We need two people a week to sign up to bring soup—the sign-up sheet is in the hall. We hope you will join us, and you are welcome to come to one or both each week.

March Birthdays

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| Ian Grube | Mar. 8 |
| Lucas Taylor | Mar. 10 |
| Alex Fernandez | Mar. 10 |
| John McNair | Mar. 20 |
| Guenter Schlottmann | Mar. 23 |
| Madelyn Owen | Mar. 26 |
| Anaie Trail | Mar. 30 |

March Anniversaries

John & Mary Beth McNair March 14

Doing Lent – As a Family

No two families are the same. We differ in age, size, preferences, comfort levels, spiritual experience. Yet, we are a family. Whether we work at it or not, we will experience Lent as a family – even if there are just two of us or a large group of us. We see, and are affected by what we are doing during Lent – as individuals. If someone else in our family is clearly doing something in Lent that is making a difference in his or her life, that will affect me. And, if someone is not doing anything special during Lent, that will affect me too.

So, why not talk about what we are each planning to do?

For a couple, this could be simple: “Here’s what I’m going to do.”

For a family with younger children, the adults can help make it something that individual children will do and possibly something that everyone can do.

If you are a single person or a person whose family is not in the same city, you could get together with several friends and talk about Lent.

Schedule for Lent and Easter

"Taken from the Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer of Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with Permission."

Daily Prayer This Week

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the "background" about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

One resource that may be helpful is the [Praying Lent](#) website with reflections on how we can set a different tone for our Lent by making choices about how we want our Lent to be and what we want God to do in us this Lent.

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

March 9

March 16

March 23

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

Fasting

Good Friday
Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday during Lent
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.