

## April 17, 2022

**Easter Sunday** 

### Collection April 10, 2022

Collection	\$ 830.00
Easter flowers	75.00
Catholic Virginian	20.00
Attendance	49

#### April 24, 2022

Lector: Wesley Young Commentator: Patty Williams Ushers: Owens family

#### Readings for April 24, 2022

Reading 1: Acts 5:12-16 Reading 2: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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, Richard Richardson, Carol Canty, and Father Bernie.

Matthew Kelly Books – There are a few books left on the table in the Hall. Each family is welcome to one of each, until they are gone. There is no cost.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**--Father Boat will have a short service after Mass on April 24, Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Church cleanup** –*A few things have been marked off the list in the hall,* but there are still several things that need to be done to the inside and outside of the church. If anyone would like to help out, you can come at your own convenience to do one or more of the things on the list. Once an item is finished please mark it out. Thank you to those who have already helped!!!

Blessing Bags- Thanks to all who contributed so generously to help those in our community who are in need. Our "little" Parish collected over \$550.00. So proud of US!!!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter beautiful and meaningful. We appreciate everything you do... before, after, and during the services. Also, thank you Father Boat!

# **April Birthdays**

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



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#### **Daily Prayer This Week**

We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it is difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a deeply-felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewal these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.