



April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter

Collection April 17, 2022

Collection	\$ 2083.00
Maintenance	50.00
Attendance	76

May 1, 2022

Lector: *Patty Williams*
 Commentator: *Dan Grubb*
 Ushers: *Hathaway/McNair*

Readings for May 1, 2022

Reading 1: *Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41*
 Reading 2: *Revelation 5:11-14*
 Gospel: *John 21:1-19*

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, , Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Richard Richardson, Carol Canty, Sharon Dalton, Ruth Malinowski, and Father Bernie.*

Church cleanup –*Several things have been marked off the list in the hall, but there are still some 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. It is greatly appreciated!***

Flooring for the hall-*The contractors should begin laying our flooring in the hall and the two offices this next week. It should take about two weeks to be completed. Please be aware of construction during this period of time.*

Blessing Bags- *Thanks to all who contributed so generously to help those in our community who are in need. Our wonderful St. Edwards collected an awesome total of \$675.00! We have donated \$225 to each of these 3 organizations: Take it to the Streets, City of Refuge, and Beans & Rice. You are all awesome!!!*

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 Hager	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28

April Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Grubb	Apr. 12
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Daily Prayer This Week

. This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? Our challenge might be to give up enough control in our lives to simply ask God for help and a growing trust.

What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from God to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Jesus, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."