



**July 24, 2022**

**Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Collection July 17, 2022**

Collection	\$ 526.00
Catholic Virginian	10.00
Attendance	37

**July 31, 2022**

Lector: Wesley Young  
Commentator: Charlotte Phillips  
Ushers: Owens family  
Lawn Care: Stan Stanley

**Readings for July 31, 2022**

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23  
Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

**Prayer List** - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, , Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Pete Beller, , Haden Gribble, Jim Trowbridge, Ruth Malinowski, and Father Bernie.

**Items to Discard**-the Pastoral Council met and decided to eliminate the following items from the church hall. If you are interested in any of these, you will need to pick them up by July 31. The two couches and matching chair, the large oval dining room table, some odd chairs, and a large chalk board. Some are here at church and Stan is storing some elsewhere. Just ask. If no one is interested in these items, we will put them on Marketplace and try to sell them. Any money made will be added to the Maintenance fund for St. Edwards.

**July Birthdays**

Linda McCann	July 4
Case Grube	July 6
Bernard LaFleur	July 11
Brenda May	July 13
Michele Coalson	July 16
<b>Donna Hathaway</b>	<b>July 25</b>
<b>Annabelle Williams</b>	<b>July 30</b>



**July Anniversaries**

Stephanie & Roger Bain	July 7
Father Boat	July 13



**Information about St. Edwards-** Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at:  
<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

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### **Daily Prayer This Week**

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. The growth of God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while washing or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no “extra” time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, “Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today.” Or, “Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today.” While in the shower or going to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying “thank you” every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.