



January 15, 2023
**Second Sunday in Ordinary
 Time**

Collection January 8, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	\$665.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	20.00
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	20.00
<i>Attendance</i>	45

January 22, 2023

Lector: *Chad Owen*
 Commentator: *Madelyn Owen*
 Ushers: *Hathaway/Klima*

Readings for January 22, 2023

Reading 1 *Isaiah 8:23—9:3*
Reading 2 *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*
Gospel *Matthew 4:12-23*

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

Prayer List - *Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Bill Jennings, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Rommy LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Joy McComb, Raegan Ray, Stephanie Tedesco, Alexandria Hayes, and Danny Coalson*

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

Bishop’s Visit- *If you haven’t yet signed up on the sheet in the Hall to attend Mass in Wytheville on Feb. 5, please do so. We need a number count for planning purposes. Everyone is welcome. **That Mass begins at 9:00am** and will be followed with a Reception.*

Donation Envelopes-*These are ready for pick-up in the Hall on the table. Please get yours and use them for easier recording. Thank you.*

2023 Calendars-*Bliley’s Funeral Home in Richmond has again given us our Catholic wall calendars. The calendars will be here next Sunday.*

January Birthdays

<i>Brenda Lessard</i>	<i>Jan. 1</i>
<i>Larry Riffey</i>	<i>Jan. 3</i>
<i>Jessi Williams</i>	<i>Jan. 8</i>
<i>Cora Wojciechowski</i>	<i>Jan. 18</i>

January Anniversaries

<i>Bill & Jean Jennings</i>	<i>Jan. 13</i>
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Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious that what we do this day responds to his call to us to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to

fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.