



March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

Collection March 5, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$1121.00</i>
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>36</i>

March 19, 2023

Lector: *Dan Grubb*
 Commentator: *Guenter Schlottmann*
 Ushers: *Hathaway/Stanley*

Readings for March 19, 2023

Reading 1 *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*
Reading 2 *Ephesians 5:8-14*
Gospel *John 9:1-41*


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, Linda McCann, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Rommy LoMascolo, Anna LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Raegan Ray, Alexandria Hayes, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Joy McComb, Margaret McLawhorn, and Danny Coalson*
Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause-On Tuesday March 14, we will meet for a soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross, and finishing with Peter's Pause discussion group which includes a Lenten Retreat. Everyone is welcome to attend either one or the entire program. We will begin with soup at 6:00pm, Stations at 6:45pm, and Peter's Pause at approximately at 7:15 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the hall if anyone is willing to make soup for a particular week.

March Birthdays

<i>Stephanie Mullins</i>	<i>Mar. 6</i>
<i>Ian Grube</i>	<i>Mar. 8</i>
<i>Lucas Taylor</i>	<i>Mar. 10</i>
<i>John McNair</i>	<i>Mar. 20</i>
<i>Emilia Mendez</i>	<i>Mar. 22</i>
<i>Guenter Schlottmann</i>	<i>Mar. 23</i>
<i>Madelyn Owen</i>	<i>Mar. 26</i>



Feb/March Anniversaries

John & Mary Beth McNair Mar.14



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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for

The Third Week of Lent

With this week, we conclude the first part of Lent. We continue our lessons in the faith, as our practices of Lent become deeper and more full of grace.

We enter into this week reflecting upon the Scrutiny that makes up our intense prayer for those Elect, preparing for Baptism. And, as we beg, as Church, that they be freed from sin and from all anxiety, we ask those same desires for ourselves.

The simple and powerful words of the Opening Prayer guides our daily prayer. We continue to wake each morning, pausing to ask for the graces we desire for the day. Throughout each day, the background of our thoughts and feelings is more and more taken up with what this journey means for our personal change of heart, the renewal of our Baptismal commitment to be placed with Jesus, and our growing desire to act in solidarity with the poor. We go to bed each evening, after pausing to give thanks for the gifts of the day.