



March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

Collection February 26, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1085.00
Attendance	46

March 12, 2023

Lector: *Charlotte Phillips*
 Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*
 Ushers: *Owens Family*

Readings for March 12, 2023

Reading 1	<i>Exodus 17:3-7</i>
Reading 2	<i>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</i>
Gospel	<i>John 4:5-42</i>

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, 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 7, we will meet for a soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross, and finishing with Peter's Pause discussion group. 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.

Chili Cook-off- Well it is here again! Next week after Mass, we will have our annual chili cook-off. Make your favorite chili, come and join in the fun, and maybe you will be the champion for 2023. See you there!

Feb/March Birthdays

<i>Emelda Tabar</i>	<i>Feb.27</i>
<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

<i>Tim & Mariah Taylor</i>	<i>Feb.29</i>
<i>John & Mary Beth McNair</i>	<i>Mar. 14</i>

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Daily Prayer

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older son who resents the Father's prodigal love for all sinners?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, we can take only a few moments to ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, shower and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Chris is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

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Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear. For those of us who live in industrialized countries, it can be jarring to realize that our time together as a family might amount to no more than a few minutes a day. Our lives are independent as we scatter in different directions each day for work, school or childcare.

This season of reflection and renewal might be an appropriate time to pray about our family lives and how we can be more thoughtful and prayerful about Lent as a family.

Perhaps we could hold a family meeting over dinner or some other relaxed place. We could discuss Lent and the symbols of the season using the resources here. We might want to talk about how our faith life is not a journey we make alone, but one we are in as a community, as a family.

One Lenten family practice might include a daily act of love for our family. Can we look around and see some small thing that needs to be done to make our lives together better? Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting? Just one effort by each of us each day can make a dramatic difference in sharing the workload in the family. The grace we are reaching for goes beyond getting the garbage taken out, for example. We know it is a grace when my experience of taking the garbage out, feels to me like an act of love, an act of solidarity as a family. Perhaps the simplest way to prepare for this grace is to pray:

Dear Lord, may this simple, ordinary sacrifice of my time for the sake of those I love, draw us closer together as a family whose hearts you are drawing to yourself in the togetherness of our family love.

One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation - mercy and healing. This is never simply a matter between Jesus and me. It always has something to do with my family and with my relationships - how we are with each other. What in us needs mercy and healing? What patterns that we have need our reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent?