



April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Collection April 2, 2023

Regular Collection	\$927.00
Catholic Virginian	120.00
Flowers	40.00
Attendance	54

April 16, 2023

Lector: *Terrie Hancock*
 Commentator: *Dan Grubb*
 Ushers: *McNair/Hathaway*

Readings for April 16, 2023

Reading 1	Acts 2:42-47
Reading 2	1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel	John 20:19-31

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, Julie Vega, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Raegan Ray, Alexandria Hayes, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Joy McComb, Margaret McLawhorn, Jessi Saunders, and Danny Coalson.*

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

Lawn Care- We need individuals to help with lawn care. If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. See Stan if you have questions.

Peter's Pause- The adult discussion/scripture study group, Peter's Pause, will meet on Tuesday at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Daily Bread- Anyone who is available and willing to help out with Daily Bread (as a substitute) the 3rd Friday morning of each month, please see Donna Hathaway. Thank you.

SAM Sunday- The last SAM Sunday until the fall will be on April 30th directly after Mass. This will be "Sub Sunday". Come and make your own sub and enjoy Ice cream Sundaes for dessert. No one needs to bring any food at all....everything will be provided. A donation basket will be available to help cover some of the cost. Thanks!

Thank You- Thanks to everyone who helped make Holy Week special. This includes the choir, lectors, commentators, people who had their feet washed, those who decorated the church, those who donated for flowers, candle bearers, those who worked behind the scenes, and Father Boat

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
Stan Stanley	Apr.23
Danny Coalson	Apr.23
Malek Tabar	Apr.24
Marie Hagar	Apr.28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr.28

April Anniversaries

Dan & Debbie Grubb Apr. 12



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Daily Prayer This Week

We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewed these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

Celebrating the Easter Season

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called "the radiant center of the liturgical year." We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives.

After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis.

Easter only begins with Easter Sunday. These daily prayers and meditations come together to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death.

In these 50 days, we are Easter People!

Easter Week

The first eight days of the Easter Season -- the Octave of Easter -- is a special time of joy and hope. In the early Church, the newly baptized would be at each liturgy this week, wearing their white garments. We go through our everyday lives this week, conscious of the "white garments" we all wear. We are renewed as priestly people, committed with Jesus to give our lives for others.

The resurrection stories, which we read this week, come from communities that are proclaiming us in death. These are not believers who, in their deep desire, just made up the resurrection. These are people who can hardly believe what they are seeing and experiencing. They, like us now, had trouble recognizing his presence with them.

We let the prayers of the Easter Week draw us into the joy.

