



July 9, 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection July 2, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1313.00
Catholic Virginia	65.00
Attendance	66

July 16, 2023

Lector: *Wesley Young*
 Commentator: *Caleb Harriman*
 Ushers: *Stanley/McNair*
 Eucharistic Ministers: *John McNair*
Rick Yost

Readings for July 16, 2023

Reading 1	Isaiah 55:10-11
Reading 2	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23

Prayer List -*Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Regina Montgomery, Anna LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Clyde Bennett, Shannon Yates, Doug Waldrop, Jessi Saunders, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, and Aubrey Scaletta.*
Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

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

From Father Boat- *My parish family, I have recently felt a calling from the Holy Spirit to lead my parish family on a Holy Pilgrimage somewhere in the next year! I feel strongly that those who journey with me will also be answering a personal call from the Holy Spirit as well and it will be a life-changing event. I am asking all of you to prayerfully consider joining me and to let me know by email your interest, whether Spring or Fall is best and where you feel most drawn to visit. Thank you and God Bless all of you!*
 Father Francis K. Boateng Pastor frankboat13@gmail.com

Schedules- *New schedules for lawn care and Eucharistic Ministers are available today on the bulletin board in the hall. These schedules are still being edited. If you see something on them that needs changing, please let Stan know. Once complete, a hard copy or electronic will be available.*

July Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Anniversaries

<i>Father Boat</i>	<i>July 13</i>
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

"Taken from the Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer of Creighton University's Online Ministries website: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html. Used with Permission."

Daily Prayer This Week

As Jesus heals, he gives courage. As he carries out his ministry of healing and announcing the good news of the closeness of the Kingdom of God, he is filled with compassion for all those who suffer and who need this encouraging news. So Jesus calls us to join him. This isn't the call to priesthood or religious life. This is the universal call addressed to all of us to see with the same compassionate eyes of Jesus and to reach out and heal others. As Jesus sends us, he knows that we will encounter resistance and opposition - sometimes from within our own heart first, but certainly from others. He always tells us not to be afraid. Even when things happen that take away our peace, our peace will be given back to us. He knows he is sending us like sheep among the wolves of this world, and so he asks us to be both wise and simple - two great gifts for our mission. He assures us that even when we don't know how to speak tender or reconciling words, the Spirit will speak through us. The only thing we need to fear is the stuff we get into that can actually destroy our soul.

What a great week to ask for the grace to be responsive to his call! All week, with attentive eyes, we can see with Jesus' own compassion, where he is directing our heart to love and to heal. We begin the week with such a great orientation. Jesus invites us to come to him with our burdens and the stuff that weighs us down and then he sends us. He doesn't say we are not supposed to expect burdens. He just invites us to take up his burden, the ministry he gives to each of us.

Each day, following our pattern of focusing throughout the day in brief moments of conversation and connection with the Lord, we can consciously recognize the "calls" the Lord has given us and is offering us. And we can acknowledge them, accept them, embrace them. Of course, our primary relationships are all the ways we live our discipleship call. So often though, these relationships are where we need the greatest courage to be tender, compassionate and courageous in loving, in letting the Spirit speak through us. Let's ask ourselves all week: how can I bring healing and peace to each important relationship in my life? And, where I'm afraid, or resistant, or even where I've given up, that can be the place of the deepest and most important prayer of the week. It certainly can be the place we come to Jesus to be refreshed.

All week, we can try to be conscious of how our day to day work is part of our call from the Lord: to be an agent in the world for good, to make products, to

offer goods and services to people, to coordinate human activities, to protect and defend others' rights, to heal others. Some of us are still available to be called to a specific work or ministry. This is a great week to ask for openness. Every one of us can find great meaning and deeper peace in placing what we do in the pattern of our response to God's call to us, through Jesus. When we do our work, we can thank the Lord for this work; ask to do it faithfully, lovingly, compassionately and justly. Some of us are struggling to find work that offers us dignity and a living wage. We can ask the Lord to send us to be his servants, with our gifts, and trust in his fidelity.

As we move through the week, growing in our relationship with the Lord all week, as we make these more conscious background moments of insight, recognition and connection, we can give thanks and trust that if we scatter his seed, with trust and with abandon, we don't have to worry. The harvest has his guarantee of abundance.

**This is the Prayer the Church uses this week of Ordinary Time
and the Opening Prayer for the Masses of this week.
We can reflect upon it, pray it ourselves, with our family,
or adapt it for our concrete desires this week.**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.