



August 6, 2023
**The Transfiguration
of the Lord**

Collection July 30, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$901.00</i>
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>48</i>

August 13, 2023

Lector: *Patty Williams*
Commentator: *Dan Grubb*
Ushers: *Hathaway/Stanley*
Eucharistic Ministers:
Megan Talbert/John McNair
Lawn Care-*Bill Thompson*

Readings for August 13, 2023

Reading 1	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Reading 2	Romans 9:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33

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, Elwood Switzer, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, and Larry Riffey.*

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>*

Parish Picnic-*Our Parish Picnic will be held at the Stanley’s home next Sunday, August 13 after Mass. Stan will fix pizzas, and everyone else needs to bring a side and/or dessert. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hall or give the Stanley’s a call with the number attending TODAY, August 6th, if you haven’t already. Side note: if anyone has a couple of extra tomatoes for slicing, please bring them. Thanks.*

New Schedules- *New schedules for Eucharistic Ministers are in the hall. Please pick yours up if you haven’t already.*

Christian Formation for the Youngsters for 2023-24-*If you are interested in having your child participate in Christian Formation this year, please fill out a form located on the table in the Hall, and return it to Gaby Stanley no later than **August 13**. Thank you!*

August Birthdays

<i>Chuck Yates</i>	<i>Aug. 3</i>
<i>Wesley Young</i>	<i>Aug. 7</i>
<i>Jody Riffey</i>	<i>Aug. 9</i>
<i>Jack McCann</i>	<i>Aug. 11</i>
<i>Tim Kimbleton</i>	<i>Aug. 19</i>
<i>Jackie Yost</i>	<i>Aug. 22</i>
<i>Rick Yost</i>	<i>Aug. 26</i>
<i>Mickey Balconi</i>	<i>Aug. 29</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August Anniversaries

<i>Marty & Marsha</i>	<i>Aug. 11</i>
<i>Stan & Gaby</i>	<i>Aug. 29</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.

**This is the Prayer the Church uses for the Transfiguration of the Lord 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 glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever