



October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection Sept. 24, 2023

*Regular Collection
 Catholic Virginian
 Attendance*

October 8, 2023

Lector: Donna Hathaway
Commentator: Dan Grubb
Ushers: Hathaway/Stamley
Eucharistic Ministers: Rich Yost/John McNair
Lawn Care- Dan Grubb

Readings for October 8, 2023

Reading 1 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Reading 2 Philippians 4:6-9
 Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Joy McComb, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Clyde Bennett, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Mary Anne Phillips, Larry Riffey, and the Coalson family.

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>

SAM Sunday-This next Sunday, October 8, we will have our monthly SAM Sunday and the theme will be Octoberfest. Fix a "Fall" dish and plan to stay after Mass next week to join in fellowship with your parish family.

Father Benoit- Many thanks to Father Benoit for being here for St. Edwards Parish the 5 Sundays that Father Boat was away. He will be missed and we wish him a fond farewell, and hope he will soon be back to visit again.

Thank You- A special thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped out the past 3 weeks to make everything run smoothly. St. Edwards is blessed to have so many talented and helpful parishioners. You are all greatly appreciated, and a special thank you to Wesley, Donna, Carol, Sally, Patty, Rebecca, Chad, Marsha and Marty!!

<u>October Birthdays</u>	
Ken Klima	Oct. 3
Declan Taylor	Oct. 5
Sharon Dalton	Oct. 11
Lisa Schlottmann	Oct. 13
Carlos Mendez	Oct. 18
Gabriella Stanley	Oct. 23
Terri Hancock	Oct. 24
<i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i>	

<u>October Anniversaries</u>	
Larry & Melody Riffey	Oct. 15
Bob & Cheri Strenz	Oct. 20
Allen & Karen Audas	Oct. 30
<i>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</i>	

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask for the desire to become the least, not the greatest, in ways that apply to us. We can ask to experience humility and grace in the real limits we experience in our lives. All of us have some places where we come to know our humanity and are brought to our knees: perhaps we continue to be judgmental of others even after asking for forgiveness ourselves; we keep falling into the same temptations; we present ourselves one way in public, but act a very different way with those closest to us; we never get around to acts of generosity and charity, perhaps even to our parents.

We can all begin our mornings with our own version of this prayer: "Lord, help me to be more simple, authentic, transparent and trusting today. I don't want to try to be someone else." We might ask, "Help me not 'look back' today, Lord" or "Lord, I need your help today to be more accepting of others who are different. Help me to see you in those who suffer or struggle in any way."

For those who have hurt us in some ways, we can do as Thérèse of Lisieux suggests and pray for those people. It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge or hang onto a hurt inflicted by someone when we are praying for that person each day.

Throughout the day this week, we can take brief moments, in the background of our consciousness, while driving, going to a meeting, shopping, doing laundry, to repeat and deepen these prayers. And, may our God send prophets and angels and his own Son to help us find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives. We can beg God to increase our faith and in the simplest ways each day, we can let our tiny seed of faith bloom in extraordinary ways in our lives.

Saint of the Day for October 2

The Story of the Feast of the Guardian Angels

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.