



October 8, 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection October 1, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$1520.00</i>
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	<i>145.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>48</i>

October 15, 2023

Lector: *Patty Williams*
Commentator: *Caleb Harriman*
Ushers: *Hathaway/Klima*
Eucharistic Ministers: *Sally Warburton/Stan Stanley*
Lawn Care- *Stan Stanley*

Readings for October 15, 2023

Reading 1	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Reading 2	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

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 Jim Hopkins, 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-*We have SAM Sunday today after Mass. Hope you are planning to join in the fun and fellowship.*

Kneelers-*We have purchased kneelers pads for anyone who would like to use them. They are located at the back of the sanctuary. You may take one as you enter and we ask that you please put it back as you leave after Mass.*

OCIA-*Welcome, Tom Rasnake, Victoria Slayman, and Jackie Yost to the OCIA program (formerly RCIA). Please keep them in your prayers as they learn more about our Catholic faith.*

Welcome back to Father Boat! Hope you had a restful vacation.

October Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Anniversaries

<i>Larry & Melody Riffey</i>	<i>Oct. 15</i>
<i>Bob & Cheri Strenz</i>	<i>Oct. 20</i>
<i>Allen & Karen Audas</i>	<i>Oct. 30</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at a time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

This is the Collect for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

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.