



January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection January 14, 2024

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$510.00</i>
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>44</i>

January 28, 2024

Lector: Kathy Thompson
Commentator: Dan Grubb
Ushers: Stanley/B. Thompson
Eucharist Ministers: Patti Williams

Readings for January 28, 2024

Reading 1	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Rommy LoMascolo, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Father Bernie, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Donna Gilmore, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Cora Wojciechouski, Linda McCann, Jim Hopkins, Mary Ann Phillips, Bill McGuirk, 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>

Change in Distributing Holy Communion-Due to the recent rise of respiratory infections/disease in the state/nation, we are suspending the use of the cup at Mass until further notice. The Holy Eucharist will only be given in the form of the host.

Inclement Weather-Now that we are definitely having winter weather, be aware, that if we have to close church, we will send out an e-mail and it will also be on Channels 10 and 7.

Tax Statements-End of year giving statements are available. Please pick up yours in the hall before you leave today. If you aren't able to find your statement, please let Dan know.

January Birthdays

<i>Brenda Lessard</i>	<i>Jan. 1</i>
<i>Larry Riffey</i>	<i>Jan. 3</i>
<i>Brenda McLawhorn</i>	<i>Jan. 4</i>
<i>Cora Wojciechouski</i>	<i>Jan. 18</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Anniversaries

<i>Bill & Jean Jennings</i>	<i>Jan 13</i>
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?