



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

Collection February 18, 2024

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$606.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>47</i>

March 3, 2024

Lector: *Rebecca Harriman*
Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*
Ushers: *Owen family*
Eucharist Ministers: *White/DuBose*

Readings for March 3, 2024

Reading 1 Exodus 20:1-17
 Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1 22-25
 Gospel John 2:13-25

Prayer List -*Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Linda McCann, Mary Ann Phillips, 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, Jim Hopkins, , Bill McGuire, Monte Howard, and Suzanne Martin.*

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>*

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Adult Ed-(Peter's Pause)
We will continue with our Wednesday night Lenten activities this Wednesday, Feb. 28. We will have soup supper beginning at 6:15, Stations at 7:00 and Peter's Pause at 7:30, ending at 8:00. Everyone is invited to attend all or some of the activities.

Pastoral Council Meeting-*The Pastoral Council will meet next Sunday, March 3, directly after Mass. All members are asked to please plan to attend.*

Reconciliation-*Father Boat will be hearing confessions any Sunday during Lent before Mass or after Mass. Please make him aware when you want to.*

Scrutinies- *The scrutinies are a series of rites for adults who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated on certain Sundays of the Lenten season. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment for the elect. Father will say these prayers for our catechumen, Victoria Slayman, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday's of Lent. Please keep Victoria in your thoughts and prayers as she makes this journey of faith.*

Thank you *to everyone who helped to make Cora's funeral a real celebration to always remember. The food was abundant and the meal delicious and many who helped set up and clean up. The music was beautiful and the Mass perfect, to celebrate a life well lived and a friend we all loved. Cora will forever be with up in spirit!*

February Birthdays

<i>Bill Thompson</i>	<i>Feb. 6</i>
<i>Stephanie Tedesco</i>	<i>Feb. 9</i>
<i>Melody Riffey</i>	<i>Feb. 11</i>
<i>Karen Audas</i>	<i>Feb. 14</i>
<i>Rebecca Harriman</i>	<i>Feb. 15</i>

February Anniversaries

<i>John & Mickey Balconi</i>	<i>Feb. 4</i>
<i>Tim & Mariah Taylor</i>	<i>Feb. 29</i>

Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

The Second Week of Lent

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.