



February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection January 28, 2024

<i>Regular Collection</i>	\$967.00
<i>Catholic Virginian</i>	5.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	20.00
<i>Respect Life</i>	15.00
<i>Attendance</i>	45

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Lector: *Rebecca Harriman*
Commentator: *Gaby Stanley*
Ushers: *Schlottmann family*
Eucharist Ministers: *Warburton*

Readings for February 11, 2024

- Reading 1 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
- Reading 2 1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1
- Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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 Wojciechowski, Linda McCann, Jim Hopkins, Mary Ann Phillips, Bill McGuirk, Father Sadie, 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>*

Interested in joining the choir? *If you'd like to sing in the choir, and can meet on Sunday's at 10:00 for practice, we'd love to have you join us. If interested, see Debbie Grubb.*

Chili Cook-Off SAM Sunday- *Next Sunday, February 11, we have our annual Chili Cook-off!!! Last year Lisa Schlottmann won and it is time for her to be dethroned. Fix your best pot of chili and join in the fun as we taste all of the chili's and vote for the best one. If you don't make chili, you can bring a topping or a dessert. It's always fun to celebrate SAM SUNDAY together, but this one is definitely one of the best!!!!*

Pancake Supper-*Plan to join us next week on Shrove Tuesday, February 13, for a pancake supper. Hot pancakes will be served from 6:00-7:00pm. Come and celebrate before we begin the season of Lent. Please sign up in the hall so we will know how much to prepare.*

Ash Wednesday Mass-*Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated here at St. Edward's next week, on February 14, and 4:00pm.*

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Adult Ed-(Peter's Pause) *Starting Wednesday, February 21 and all Wednesdays throughout Lent, 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. More information coming next week.*

February Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Anniversaries

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Daily Prayer This Week

"My heart is moved with pity," Jesus says in one of the gospels this week, and we see his compassion in the healing stories in this week's gospels. This seems like the perfect time for us to ask Jesus for the healing we need in our lives.

We can take one gospel and pray with it as if we were in the story. Jesus and his disciples cross the sea and as soon as they land, people rush to bring those who need healing to him. We can imagine ourselves seeing Jesus, the crowds gathering, the jostle of people bringing their sick on mats. People yelling for Jesus' attention.

Then we can imagine a moment where Jesus steps away from the throng and takes us aside. With loving eyes he looks at us and asks us, "Where do you need healing? Where can I be with you?"

It is there in that powerful moment that we can speak to Jesus as we would a friend. We can search our hearts and ask Jesus for the healing he already knows we need:

- "Help me, Jesus, with my impatience with my family. Let me not nag at those I love so much. Heal my lack of compassion for them."

- "Touch my heart, Jesus. Give me the selfless love I need in my marriage not to 'keep score.' Only with your help can I continue to be loving, even when it feels like some days I am the only one carrying my marriage."

- "Jesus, I become afraid of failing and I feel like one of those people lying on a mat, waiting for you to touch my life. Yet when I sense your healing presence coming close, I roll away from you so you don't see me. Give me the courage I need to ask for your healing and to get up and answer your call for me to serve."

When we pray with a gospel, we can carry an image of that prayer with us all day long. As we get out of bed in the morning, cook meals or go about our day, we can be aware of Jesus standing with us, ready to heal us, if only we would ask.

What is it that needs healing in me this week? Where will I allow Jesus to touch my life?