



**April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Collection April 7, 2024**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$ 858.00
<b>Easter</b>	20.00
<b>Catholic Virginian</b>	85.00
<b>Attendance</b>	42

**April 21, 2024**

**Lector:** Kathy Thompson  
**Commentator:** Patty Williams  
**Ushers:** Schlottmann family  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Warburton/  
**Lawn Care:** Bill Thompson

**Readings for April 21, 2024**

Reading 1 Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12  
 Reading 2 1 John 3:1-2  
 Gospel John 10:11-18

**Prayer List** -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Mary Ann Phillips, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, 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, Suzanne Martin, and John Willett.  
**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>

**Weekly Ministries-** New schedules will be made **THIS WEEK!!** If you would like to be added or removed from a ministry, please be sure to let Stan know **TODAY**. The ministries at each Mass include a Lector, a Commentator, two Ushers, and two Eucharistic Ministers. We are in need of more ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Please consider becoming involved if you aren't already. Thank you

**Lawn Care-** If you can help with grass cutting, removing weeds from beds, weed eating, and keeping the parking lot clean, please sign up on the sheet in the hall **TODAY**.

**New Schedules-**New Schedules for all the ministries, as well as lawn care, will be made this week and sent to those involved by e-mail. If you need a printed copy, please let Stan know. We ask that if you can't do your assigned task, please be sure to let Stan or Gaby know as soon as possible so we can find a replacement. Thank you!

**April Birthdays**

Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21
Amanda Kelly	Apr. 22
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23
Marie Hager	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28
Ryan Kelly	Apr. 28

**April Anniversaries**

Paul & Kelli Glover	Apr. 3
Dan & Debbie Grubb	Apr.12

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it "contemplative" is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we "work for food that perishes." The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a "spiritual communion" simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

## Third Week of Easter

In this third week of the Easter Season, we are reflecting upon how the graces of Easter are received in our hearts and what it means for our daily journey.

We grow in a sense that Easter is not simply a one day celebration. We celebrate Easter every Sunday. But, this is a season which lets us enter more deeply into the joy and the acceptance of the great gift of life everlasting.

These daily prayers help us ask for the graces we desire and to speak with our Lord, friend to friend. We get a window into the early faith community's announcement of and witness to the good news of the gift of eternal life. We listen to Jesus talking about himself, and the way he gives himself to us, as the bread that gives and nourishes that life.

Our daily prayer and reflection in this season helps us deepen our joy and gratitude and helps us integrate it into our lives.