



**April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Collection April 14, 2024**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$ 810.00
<b>Flowers</b>	25.00
<b>Catholic Virginian</b>	5.00
<b>Attendance</b>	49

**April 28, 2024**

**Lector:** Rebecca Harriman  
**Commentator:** Dan Grubb  
**Ushers:** Schlottmann family  
**Eucharist Ministers:** White/DuBose  
**Lawn Care:** David Carper

**Readings for April 28, 2024**

Reading 1	Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Reading 2	1 John 3:18-24
Gospel	John 15:1-8

**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 have been sent by email this past week for those who participate. If you did not receive yours or would like a printed copy, please let Stan know today.

**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. We still have several vacant spots, especially toward the end of the summer. Thank you.

**Pastoral Council Meeting-**The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held directly after Mass on Sunday, May 5. If you are on the council, please make plans to attend as there are several things to discuss.

**April Birthdays**

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

**April Anniversaries**

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

In his farewell to his disciples, his consoling words to them and to us are beautiful:

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
 You have faith in God; have faith also in me.  
 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
 If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?  
 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself,  
 so that where I am you also may be. [John 14:1]*

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident. If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

## Fourth Week of Easter

We celebrate this week of the Easter season by entering more deeply into the stories of the early followers of Jesus. All week in Acts, we will read of an increasing boldness by the disciples, and the beginning of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles.

John's gospels continue to draw us into the image of Jesus as our shepherd, loving us with an individual tenderness. Jesus continues to tell us that he and the Father are one. Like his followers, we sometimes simply can't see it.

This is a week to pray with joy for the love God showers on us and for the presence of Jesus' warm caring for us in our everyday lives. We are not perfect. We are not sin-free.

But we are loved by our Risen God - and that is what we celebrate in this season.