



September 8, 2024
**Twenty-Third Sunday
 In Ordinary Time**

Collection September 1, 2024

Regular Collection	\$1126.00
Assumption of Mary	10.00
Attendance	56

September 15, 2024

Lector: *Rebecca Harriman*
Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*
Ushers: *Owen family*
Eucharist Ministers: *M. White/M. DuBose*
Lawn Care: *Stan Stanley*

Readings for Sept. 15, 2024

Reading 1	Isaiah 50:5-9a
Reading 2	James 2:14-18
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

Information about St. Edwards- *Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at:*
<https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Prayer List -*Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Megan Talbert, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, John Willett, Erika Ash, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Wesley Young, and Jack McCann.*

Let the Stanleys know WHEN you have additions or deletions

Father Boat's Annual Leave- *Father Boat left this past Wednesday to return to Ghana for his annual leave. Pease keep him in your prayers. Father Benoit will be celebrating Mass with us the next 4 Sunday's.*

Church Picnic- *Picnic today at Jerry and Sharon Dalton. Bring your own chair. 3253 Windy Hill Lane, Draper, VA.*

September Birthdays

<i>Cyril Kendrick</i>	<i>Sept. 1</i>
<i>Jean Jennings</i>	<i>Sept. 4</i>
<i>Caleb Harriman</i>	<i>Sept. 8</i>
<i>Rick Grube</i>	<i>Sept. 8</i>
<i>Mike Vallo</i>	<i>Sept 10</i>
<i>Materina Carper</i>	<i>Sept.12</i>
<i>Debbie Grubb</i>	<i>Sept. 21</i>
<i>Patty Williams</i>	<i>Sept. 24</i>
<i>Audrey Kertesz</i>	<i>Sept. 24</i>
<i>Marsha DuBose</i>	<i>Sept. 27</i>

September Anniversaries

<i>Al & Christina Kozar</i>	<i>Sept. 27</i>
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Daily Prayer This Week

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. *"Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day."* We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to day dream. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, *"Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here."*

Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our "typical"

response or behavior. *"Lord, I'm so full of fear sometimes. I see you boldly heal the man with the withered hand in front of the steely gaze of your critics. You healed because you knew it was the right and compassionate thing to do. Help me to be more courageous in choosing the right thing in my life today."*