

# **St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski**



**January 12, 2025**  
**Feast of the Baptism of  
Our Lord**

**Collection January 5, 2025**

Regular Collection	\$1687.00
Respect for Life	70.00
Catholic Virginian	125.00
Solemnity of Mary	80.00
Attendance	48

**January 19, 2025**  
**Ushers:** D. Hathaway/C. Yates  
**Lector:** Chad Owen  
**Commentator:** Madelyn Owen  
**Eucharist Ministers:** S. Warburton/P. Williams

**Readings for January 19, 2025**  
Reading 1    Isaiah 62:1-5  
Reading 2    1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel        John 2:1-11

**As you enter the sanctuary, please be respectful and  
quiet for those praying before Mass.**

**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, Megan Talbert, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, John Millard, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, Tom Phillips, Tonia Johnson, Therese Ann Mansfield, Jean Jennings, Sharon Dalton and BB Porter.

**Please let Gaby or Stan know when you need someone added or deleted from this list.** Thanks

**SUNDAY MASS AT ST. EDWARDS, FOR JANUARY 12, HAS BEEN CANCELLED  
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!**

**SAM SUNDAY-**Today's SAM Sunday has had to be postponed due to the bad weather. We will have our "brunch" meal next Sunday, January 19, after Mass, hosted by the Schlottmann's. Please plan to bring a breakfast or lunch dish to share with everyone. It should be a fun gathering after being "closed in" with the snow.

**Stay safe and warm this week!**

**January Birthdays**

Brenda Lessard	Jan. 1
Larry Riffey	Jan. 3
Brenda McLawhorn	Jan. 4
Al Kozar	Jan. 29

**January Anniversaries**

Bill & Jean Jennings	Jan. 13
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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

The stories from Mark's gospel offer a vivid look into the life of Jesus and his followers on such a human level. Many are stories of healing and the week begins and ends with invitations from Jesus to us -- and to his disciples. To Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus invites, "Come after me." To the tax collector Levi he beckons, "Follow me."

The invitation to healing we are offered can be a part of our own reflection as we begin a new year and want to somehow "fix" what is broken in us. The healing happens if we allow Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As we look at our lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus is moved with pity for us, stretches out his healing hand to us and says, "I do will it. Be made clean."

We can hear the summons to follow him as a clear and personal call to us from Jesus, the one who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts are open to accept this invitation.

We can pray to Jesus this week for the strength to be healed of the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

**Easter** changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25. In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated  
between the evening of the Seventeenth day of April  
and the evening of the Nineteenth day of April  
**Easter Sunday** being on the Twentieth day of April.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --  
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed  
by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the Fifth day of March.

**The Ascension** of the Lord will be commemorated on  
Sunday, the First day of June or Thursday, the Twenty-ninth day of May.

**Pentecost**, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,  
will be celebrated on the Eighth day of June.

And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be  
on the Thirtieth day of November, 2025.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ  
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,  
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,  
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history,  
be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen!