St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection February 2, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1034.00
Catholic Virginian	5.00
Respect for Life	5.00
Attendance	39

February 16, 2025

Ushers: Owen family Lector: Guenter Schlottmann Commentator: Gabriella Stanley Eucharist Ministers: M. White/M. DuBose

Readings for February 16, 2025

Reading 1	Jeremiah 17:5-8
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel	Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

<u>Please let Gaby or Stan know when you need someone added or</u> <u>deleted from the PRAYER LIST</u>. Thanks Information about St. Edwards- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <u>https://stedwardpulaski.org</u>

Prayer List –Megan Talbert, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Larry Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Chuck Yates, Shannon Yates, Tom Phillips, Sharon Dalton, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Lynn Canty, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, Therese Ann Mansfield, Gary Gibson, and BB Porter.

<u>Social Ministry</u>-After a month off it is time to get back to our monthly donation to our local food banks/shelters. This month we would like to donate to Pulaski Daily Bread. They provide and serve a free hot noon-day meal Monday through Friday in Pulaski at the First Presbyterian Church. They are requesting Manwich sauce, Spaghetti sauce, cans of mixed vegetables, chili beans, cereal bars, protein/energy bars and canned meatballs. We will collect these items during the month of February. Thank you for your help in supporting our community.

February Birthday

Bill ThompsonFeb. 6Stephanie TedescoFeb. 9Melody RiffeyFeb. 11Karen AudasFeb. 14Rebecca HarrimanFeb. 15

February Anniversaries

John & Mickey Balconi Feb. 4

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Daily Prayer This Week

Every week we are trying to find intimacy with our Lord in the midst of our everyday life. We use the stories about Jesus in the readings of the week to help us - because our days are so busy - make connections between what we are experiencing and God's Word to us and the desires that are coming to the surface in us. This week we can let various parts of this week's rich scripture readings touch us, depending on what is going on in us. It all begins with our beginning the day, establishing a connection. With the briefest of rising prayers, we can talk with our Lord about what we anticipate needing that day.

One day I might know that, with what I have to face that day, I need to ask that the healing Jesus be with me. I might be able to name what needs healing. "Lord, you know the fear that is developing in me as I face this meeting today." "Lord, take this anger away from my heart." "Most loving Lord, have mercy on me and heal this pattern that plagues me and takes away my happiness, my freedom, my ability to love."

On another day, I may know that I'm right in the middle of the struggle over my disregarding what God really wants me to do, using legalistic excuses to avoid God's will. I might beg, "Lord, I've become such a hypocrite. Purify my heart so I can see as you see, judge as you judge and love as you love. Help me be truly religious, truly compassionate, truly your disciple today."

On other days, I might be in a "foreign" territory, or at least one that seems quite a distance from believing territory. I might ask, "Dear Lord, keep me safe here. Give me courage here. Help me find intimacy with you here. And let me see the faith of so many of your people here." Some day this week, let's imagine how Jesus has pity on our hunger and feeds us. And every night this week, let's express our gratitude for receiving what we asked for in faith, from the One who is waiting to give us what we need.