

St. Edward's Catholic Church

Pulaski, Virginia

July 13, 2025
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

Ushers- B. Thompson/J. McNair

Lector-Kathy Thompson

Commentator-Stan Stanley

Eucharistic Ministers- M. White/M. DuBose

Lawn Care-Stan Stanley

Readings for July 20, 2025

Reading 1 Genesis 18:1-10a
Reading 2 Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Info about St. Edwards- *Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, another information can be found at <https://stedwardpulaski.org>*

Anyone needing to be added or deleted, please notify Stan/Gaby

Megan Talbert, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Larry Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Chuck Yates, Bryan Pittman, Olin Whitener, Stephen Petrowski, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Lynn Canty, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Bill McGuire, John Willett, Susan Bennett,

Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, John McNair, Jeannie Bain, Jean-Paul Billaud, Greg Mitchell, Shannon Yates, Donna Franzmann, and Steve Ewing

Outreach-*As an alternate for our monthly food donations, let's support our local schools/kids. From now until July 31, 2025, you can donate the following items. Please place them in the food donations boxes at the church. Thank you!*

*Glue sticks
Rulers
Index cards
Tissues
Sanitizing wipes
Individual water bottle
Book bags (k-12}
Spiral notebooks
Crayons
Colored pencils*

*Pencil pouch
Erasers
3 ring binders (all sizes}
scissors
dry erase markers
clear protector sheets
wired ear buds
composition books
pocket folders
hand sanitizer*

July Birthdays

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| Linda McCann | July 4 |
| Case Grube | July 6 |
| Brenda May | July 13 |
| Michele Coalson | July 16 |
| Donna Hathaway | July 25 |
| Annabelle Williams | July 30 |

July Anniversaries

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| Father Boat | July 13 |
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This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day. We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praise.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine, if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

"Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer this afternoon and when I get home from work."

We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or driving to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire. This week, we can find concrete times in our week, in real encounters and responsibilities of our very busy lives to say these or similar words:

"Lord, help me to be more childlike today. Help me simply

come to you when I'm burdened or just tired, rather than all the other places I tend to go for relief. Let me be yoked to you as I carry out the promises of my life today. Free me from my impatience and tendency to judge others. Teach me how showing others the mercy you have showed me is more important than my hard driving sacrifice."

One day this week, one of these prayers will be just right. Another day, a much more personal request will come to us. What is important is that we grow in the habit of connecting with Jesus throughout the day, in these brief moments in the background of our lives. We have these moments, and we can easily get better at finding them. Then we can quickly grow in recognizing how the desires in our hearts can get formed and deepened through letting the Word into our hearts. We can practice beginning each day with a moment of prayer, asking for a desire and then repeating and refining that desire throughout the day.