

St. Edward's Catholic Church Pulaski, Virginia



July 6, 2025
14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Collection June 29, 2025

Regular Collection	\$742.00
Attendance	50

July 13, 2025

Ushers- J. McCann/C. Yates

Lector- Chad Owen

Commentator- Madelyn Owen

Eucharistic Ministers- S. Warburton/J. McNair

Lawn Care- Stan Stanley

Readings for July 13, 2025

Reading 1	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Reading 2	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

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, Steve Ewing, Greg Mitchel, Shannon Yates, Roger Wilson, and Donna Franzmann..

Pastoral Council-The Pastoral Council will meet today directly after Mass. All members please plan to attend.

Paving of the Church Parking Lot-The parking lot was done this past week and looks great. Pretty sure you noticed it when you drove in this morning. Thanks to all who have donated or will be donating to help with the expenses we've already incurred on the roof, the heating/air conditioning units, and now, the parking lot. St. Edward's is truly a "Parish Family"!

July Birthdays

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

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.

We will discover that this is very consoling and enjoyable. We will experience ourselves growing in gratitude as God is generously giving us what we ask for, and we are indeed finding intimacy with Jesus each day. And when we get ready for bed each night, we can develop a habit of simply giving thanks – telling Jesus we are so grateful that we were not alone this day and how much we are grateful for his presence, mercy and for the mission he's sharing with us.