

Vocation Bulletin Reflections

First Sunday of Advent 2025 to Feast of Christ the King 2026
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Each week, our parish community is invited to reflect on the Sunday Gospel through the lens of vocation. These reflections help us recognize God's invitation — both to personally follow His call and to encourage others to do the same. Take a few moments each week to reflect, discuss, and pray for an increase in holy vocations to priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony.

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

Reflect:

As Advent begins, we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew. Just as we stay alert for His coming, so too should we remain open to how He may be calling us — or someone we know — to serve His Church.

Discuss:

Talk with your family or friends about how you can prepare spiritually this Advent. How can your parish community help young people listen for God's voice?

Pray:

Pray for open hearts this Advent — that those discerning priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony may courageously say "yes" to Christ's invitation.

Second Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2025

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2)

Reflect:

John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ by calling others to repentance and renewal. Every vocation begins with a heart ready to follow God's plan.

Discuss:

How can we, as a parish, "prepare the way" for more vocations? Consider ways to support and encourage those who are listening for God's guidance.

Pray:

Pray for young people to respond to God's call and for our parish to be a place where vocations are encouraged and nurtured.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8, 2025

"Behold, you will conceive and bear a son..." (Luke 1:31)

Reflect:

Mary's "yes" changed the world. Her faith reminds us that every vocation — whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage — begins with trust in God's plan.

Discuss:

What fears or doubts sometimes hold us back from saying "yes" to God? How can Mary's example strengthen our faith?

Pray:

Pray for the courage to follow God's will with trust and joy, and for more men and women to answer His call with Mary's same openness of heart.

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – December 14, 2025

"Rejoice in the Lord always!" (Philippians 4:4)

Reflect:

Gaudete Sunday is filled with joy because the Lord is near! True joy comes from knowing and following God's plan for our lives — and helping others do the same.

Discuss:

How do you experience joy when living your faith? How can your joy in Christ inspire others to consider how God may be calling them?

Pray:

Pray for joy-filled hearts among those discerning vocations, and for our parish to be a community that radiates the joy of the Gospel.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2025

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23)

Reflect:

Mary and Joseph both trusted God's plan, even when it was unexpected. Their courage shows us that answering God's call often requires faith more than understanding.

Discuss:

Talk about ways your family can grow in faith and trust this Advent. How can your parish accompany those discerning their vocations?

Pray:

Pray that all who are discerning their path — especially those called to priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage — may be strengthened by the knowledge that God is with them.

Christmas – December 25, 2025

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

Reflect:

Christ comes into the world to show us perfect love. Each vocation — whether in family life or religious service — reflects that same love in a unique way.

Discuss:

As you celebrate the birth of Christ, consider how your life can make His presence visible to others. How might God be calling you to bring His love into the world?

Pray:

Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Christ's love and for hearts willing to serve Him in the Church and the world.

Feast of the Holy Family – December 28, 2025

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." (Matthew 2:20)

Reflect:

The Holy Family teaches us that holiness begins at home. When families pray and love faithfully, they create fertile ground for vocations to grow.

Discuss:

How does your family support one another in living out God's will? How can your parish community strengthen family life and encourage vocations?

Pray:

Pray for all families to be models of faith, and for homes where vocations are nurtured with love, prayer, and encouragement.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2026

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Reflect:

Mary's quiet reflection teaches us the power of listening to God. Every vocation begins with a heart willing to hear and ponder His voice.

Discuss:

How can you make time to reflect and listen for God's guidance? How might your family create space for prayer in the new year?

Pray:

Pray for openness to God's plan in your life and for those discerning their call to follow Him more closely.

Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026

"They prostrated themselves and did Him homage." (Matthew 2:11)

Reflect:

The Magi followed the light of a star to find Christ. In the same way, God gives us signs and guidance as we seek our life's purpose.

Discuss:

What "lights" — people, moments, or experiences — have guided you toward God? How can you be a light for others in their discernment?

Pray:

Pray for clarity and courage for all who are searching for direction, and for our parish to be a guiding light toward Christ.

Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Reflect:

At baptism, we are all called to holiness. Our unique vocation is how we live out that holiness — as priests, religious, married, or single.

Discuss:

How can you remind others of their baptismal call to love and serve? How does your family live out its faith day to day?

Pray:

Pray in thanksgiving for your baptism and for the grace to live faithfully as a beloved child of God.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2026

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Reflect:

John the Baptist points us toward Jesus — the one true source of life and purpose. Every vocation begins with that same focus on Christ.

Discuss:

How can your parish community help others recognize Jesus at the center of their lives?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning God's call, that they may see Christ clearly and follow Him with confidence.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25, 2026

National Catholic Schools Week

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Reflect:

Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in a unique way. Catholic education helps plant the seeds of that vocation in young hearts.

Discuss:

How has Catholic education — in schools or faith formation — helped shape your faith? How can your parish continue to encourage young people to listen for God's voice?

Pray:

Pray for students, teachers, and catechists who nurture faith, and for young people to discover their vocation through learning and prayer.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Reflect:

The Beatitudes remind us that holiness is found in humility, mercy, and love — qualities at the heart of every vocation.

Discuss:

Who in your life reflects the spirit of the Beatitudes? How might their example inspire a call to serve?

Pray:

Pray for hearts that reflect Christ's humility and love, and for those discerning how they can best serve God's kingdom.

Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2026

World Day for Consecrated Life

"My eyes have seen Your salvation." (Luke 2:30)

Reflect:

Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus in the temple because they were faithful in prayer. Those who live consecrated lives show us that same devotion and joy.

Discuss:

How can we show gratitude for those who have dedicated their lives entirely to God?

Pray:

Pray for religious sisters, brothers, and priests, and for those who may be hearing God's call to consecrated life.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2026

World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week

"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

Reflect:

Marriage is a holy vocation that reflects Christ's love for the Church. Faithful spouses light the way for their families and communities.

Discuss:

How can you strengthen your marriage or support married couples in your parish?

Pray:

Pray for all married couples to grow in faith and for young people preparing for the sacrament of marriage.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15, 2026

"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)

Reflect:

Jesus shows that true faith is lived out in action. Vocations are strengthened through daily choices to love, serve, and remain faithful.

Discuss:

How do your everyday actions reflect God's commandments of love and truth?

Pray:

Pray for integrity and faithfulness in living your vocation, whatever it may be.

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026

"Your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:6)

Reflect:

Lent begins as a time to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and service — the same foundations that sustain a vocation.

Discuss:

What spiritual practices can you adopt this Lent to listen for God's voice?

Pray:

Pray for renewal and deeper trust in God's plan throughout this Lenten season.

First Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
(Matthew 4:4)

Reflect:

Jesus teaches that God's Word gives life. Those discerning a vocation find direction by feeding on Scripture and prayer.

Discuss:

What spiritual "food" sustains you? How can your parish help others grow in prayer and Scripture?

Pray:

Pray for a hunger for God's Word and for all who seek His guidance in their lives.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2026

"This is My beloved Son... listen to Him." (Matthew 17:5)

Reflect:

The Transfiguration reminds us to listen for God's voice, even when it leads us somewhere new.

Discuss:

How do you create space in your life to listen for God? How can you encourage others to do the same?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage to listen with faith and trust.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14)

Reflect:

Christ offers us living water — the grace that satisfies every longing. Responding to our vocation is one way we drink deeply of that grace.

Discuss:

Where is God calling you to serve others right now?

Pray:

Pray for a renewal of grace in those discerning God's call and for your parish to be a wellspring of living faith.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2026

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Reflect:

When we live in Christ's light, we help others find their way to Him.

Discuss:

How can your family or parish community bring light to those struggling in darkness?

Pray:

Pray for courage to let the light of Christ shine through you and for those discerning how to reflect His light through their vocation.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Reflect:

Jesus brings life and hope to all who follow Him. Trusting in that hope helps us respond generously to His call.

Discuss:

When has hope helped you overcome fear or doubt? How can your witness strengthen others in their discernment?

Pray:

Pray for renewed hope in the hearts of those discerning vocations, especially those who feel uncertain or afraid.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 29, 2026

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9)

Reflect:

Holy Week begins with shouts of praise and ends with the Cross. Following Christ means staying faithful in both joy and sacrifice.

Discuss:

What does it mean to follow Jesus closely, even when it's difficult?

Pray:

Pray for perseverance for all who have said "yes" to God's call and for those still discerning their path of service.

Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026

"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

Reflect:

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gives us both the gift of the Eucharist and the example of humble service. Every vocation flows from the desire to love and serve as He did.

Discuss:

How can your family or parish show Christ's love through service to others?

Pray:

Pray for priests who serve the Church through the Eucharist, and for hearts ready to serve generously in whatever way God calls.

Good Friday – April 3, 2026

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

Reflect:

The Cross reveals the depth of God's love. Christ's self-giving shows the path of every vocation — a call to love completely and without reserve.

Discuss:

Talk about what Jesus' sacrifice teaches us about love, commitment, and vocation.

Pray:

Pray for the courage to embrace the crosses that come with following God's will and for strength for those who are discerning.

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

"He is not here; for He has risen!" (Matthew 28:6)

Reflect:

The Resurrection fills the world with new life and hope. When we follow God's call, we share in that new life and help bring hope to others.

Discuss:

How does the joy of Easter renew your faith and sense of purpose?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning vocations to experience the joy of the Risen Christ and to bring that joy into the world.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) – April 12, 2026

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

Reflect:

The Risen Jesus offers peace and mercy to His followers. His mercy is at the heart of every vocation, reminding us that we are called to love and to forgive.

Discuss:

How can your parish be a place of peace and mercy where vocations can grow?

Pray:

Pray for healing, peace, and trust in God's mercy for all who are discerning His call.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." (Luke 24:31)

Reflect:

The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we look for Christ in our daily lives, we find direction and strength to follow His call.

Discuss:

Where do you recognize Jesus in your life or in the life of your parish community?

Pray:

Pray for eyes to recognize Christ's presence and for all who seek His guidance in discerning their vocation.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"I am the good shepherd. I know mine and mine know Me." (John 10:14)

Reflect:

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls each of us by name. Today the Church prays for vocations to priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage — the shepherds and servants of tomorrow.

Discuss:

How can your parish community foster a culture that supports and encourages vocations?

Pray:

Pray for young people to hear the Shepherd's voice clearly and for our parish to help them follow it with courage and faith.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026

"Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit." (John 15:5)

Reflect:

Remaining close to Jesus allows our lives to bear good fruit. When we follow God's call, we become instruments of His grace in the world.

Discuss:

How do you stay connected to Christ throughout the week? How can your parish help others remain rooted in faith?

Pray:

Pray for hearts that remain steadfast in Christ and for fruitful vocations that bless the Church and the world.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

Reflect:

Love is at the core of every vocation. Following God's commands means choosing love in big and small ways each day.

Discuss:

How can you express love for God and others through your daily actions?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning their vocation to be guided by love and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Ascension of the Lord – May 14 (or May 17 in some dioceses)

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

Reflect:

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus entrusted His mission to His followers. Each of us is sent to share the Good News in our own unique way.

Discuss:

How does your vocation — or your service in the parish — help spread Christ's love?

Pray:

Pray for missionary hearts in our parish and for those called to bring Christ's message to the world.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026

"That they may be one, as We are one." (John 17:22)

Reflect:

Jesus prayed for unity among His followers. Families and parishes that live in harmony reflect God's love to the world.

Discuss:

How can your parish or family promote unity and peace in daily life?

Pray:

Pray for unity in the Church and for vocations that help build bridges of peace and love.

Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2026

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22)

Reflect:

The Holy Spirit gives us strength to live out our faith. Every vocation is sustained by that same Spirit, who fills us with courage and joy.

Discuss:

What gifts of the Holy Spirit have you seen at work in your life or in others?

Pray:

Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit — wisdom, courage, and understanding — to fill our parish and guide all who are discerning God's call.

The Most Holy Trinity – May 31, 2026

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." (John 3:16)

Reflect:

The Trinity shows us perfect love and unity. Each vocation reflects this divine love by offering itself for the good of others.

Discuss:

How can your parish mirror the love of the Trinity — welcoming, serving, and uniting in faith?

Pray:

Pray for vocations that reflect the self-giving love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – June 7, 2026

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in Me and I in him." (John 6:56)

Reflect:

Today we celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist — the source and summit of our faith. Through the priest's hands, Christ becomes truly present, feeding His people with His Body and Blood.

Discuss:

How does the Eucharist strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Church? How can your family show gratitude for this great gift?

Pray:

Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist and for more priests who will bring Christ to His people through this sacred mystery.

World Priest Day – June 12, 2026

"I will give you shepherds after My own heart." (Jeremiah 3:15)

Reflect:

Priests spend their lives praying for us, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding us closer to Christ. Today, we give thanks for their witness and service.

Discuss:

Who is a priest who has made a difference in your life or your family's faith? How can you express gratitude for his ministry this week?

Pray:

Pray for all priests — that they may be renewed in holiness and joy in their vocation — and for young men discerning the call to serve as shepherds of God's people.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 14, 2026

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

Reflect:

Jesus calls laborers to work in His abundant vineyard. Priests and religious men and women serve God's people with dedication and joy. We are invited to pray that more hearts will respond to His call.

Discuss:

What are some ways your parish can actively invite others to discern vocations to priesthood or religious life?

Pray:

Pray for an increase in holy vocations in our diocese and for the courage to say "yes" when God calls.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21, 2026

"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:31)

Reflect:

Holy matrimony calls spouses to place Christ at the center of their lives, reflecting His love through faithfulness and service. God's call is always rooted in love, never fear.

Discuss:

How can your parish community better support marriages and families in living out their vocation with joy and strength?

Pray:

Pray for couples preparing for or living out the sacrament of marriage, and for all who are discerning this beautiful vocation.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2026

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." (Matthew 10:38)

Reflect:

Following Christ means embracing the crosses of daily life with trust and love. Every vocation involves sacrifice — but also the deep joy that comes from faithfulness.

Discuss:

How can you encourage someone who may be struggling to follow God's call despite obstacles?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning vocations that require courage and perseverance, that they may trust in God's plan.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2026

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Reflect:

Jesus offers true peace to every weary heart. Each vocation, whether priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage, finds its strength by resting in Christ's love.

Discuss:

How can your parish or family create time for prayer and renewal in Christ amid busy lives?

Pray:

Pray for peace and rest for those serving the Church and for discerners who seek clarity in their vocation.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Matthew 13:23)

Reflect:

God's Word bears fruit in hearts open to His will. Each of us is called to prepare the soil of our hearts so that His plan can take root.

Discuss:

What helps your faith take deeper root? How can your parish nurture vocations as part of its mission?

Pray:

Pray for openness to God's Word and for hearts ready to respond joyfully to His invitation.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31)

Reflect:

The smallest seed can grow into something great in God's kingdom. Every "yes" to God — even a small one — can blossom into a life of holiness and service.

Discuss:

How can your parish encourage young people to take small, faithful steps toward discovering God's plan for their lives?

Pray:

Pray for patience and trust in the slow work of God, especially for those in early stages of discernment.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Reflect:

Discovering one's vocation is like finding a hidden treasure — it brings joy that transforms everything. God's call is always a gift meant for our good and the good of His Church.

Discuss:

What are the "treasures" God has placed in your life — gifts, passions, or talents — that could be used in service to Him?

Pray:

Pray for those searching for their vocation, that they may recognize its beauty and respond with joy.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2, 2026

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16)

Reflect:

Jesus calls us to meet the needs of others with compassion. Each vocation is a way of feeding the world with Christ's love.

Discuss:

Who in your parish or family needs spiritual or emotional nourishment right now? How can you bring Christ to them?

Pray:

Pray for a spirit of generosity in all vocations and for those who feed others through ministry and love.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 9, 2026

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

Reflect:

Fear often holds us back from saying "yes" to God. Like Peter on the water, we are invited to keep our eyes on Christ and trust His steady hand.

Discuss:

What fears or doubts sometimes keep you from following God's plan?

Pray:

Pray for courage and confidence in God's providence, especially for those discerning a new step in faith.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2026

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
(Luke 1:45)

Reflect:

Mary's "yes" to God changed the world. Her example teaches us that faith-filled surrender opens the way for grace and purpose.

Discuss:

How can Mary's trust in God's promises inspire you in your own vocation or service?

Pray:

Pray for young people to follow Mary's example of faith, courage, and openness to God's call.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 16, 2026

"Woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28)

Reflect:

The faith of the Canaanite woman reminds us that persistence in prayer bears fruit. Vocations grow where prayer is steady and hope endures.

Discuss:

How can your parish or family commit to praying for vocations more regularly?

Pray:

Pray for all who intercede for vocations and for those who persevere in listening to God's call.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2026

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church." (Matthew 16:18)

Reflect:

Jesus built His Church on the faith of Peter and continues to build it through the lives of those who say "yes" to His call.

Discuss:

How can your parish strengthen and support those who serve in leadership and ministry?

Pray:

Pray for the Church's leaders — the Pope, bishops, priests, and deacons — and for those being called to build up the Church today.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2026

"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."
(Matthew 16:24)

Reflect:

Following Jesus often means surrendering our own plans for something greater. Each vocation calls us to trust that God's path, even when difficult, leads to true joy.

Discuss:

What are some ways you've experienced God's blessings after taking a leap of faith?

Pray:

Pray for those discerning their vocation, that they may have the courage to follow wherever Christ leads.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 6, 2026

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15)

Reflect:

Jesus teaches that reconciliation and understanding bring peace. Vocations grow best in hearts that are free from resentment and open to love.

Discuss:

Who in your life might need your forgiveness or encouragement this week?

Pray:

Pray for the grace to be instruments of peace in your families and parish community.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2026

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

Reflect:

Mercy is at the center of the Christian life. Priests, religious, and families all reflect God's mercy when they forgive and serve others with compassion.

Discuss:

What are simple ways you can show mercy to others in daily life?

Pray:

Pray for all who show God's mercy through their vocation and for those learning to forgive as Christ forgives.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2026

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

Reflect:

God measures greatness by humility and service. Those who answer His call live not for recognition, but for love of Him and others.

Discuss:

Who in your parish quietly serves others with humility? How can you encourage them?

Pray:

Pray for humility and for all who serve God's kingdom with hidden but faithful hearts.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2026

Priesthood Sunday

"Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)

Reflect:

Priests serve the Church by doing the Father's will each day through the sacraments and pastoral care. Their example challenges all of us to listen and respond to God's voice.

Discuss:

How can you thank the priests in your parish for their ministry?

Pray:

Pray for all priests to remain faithful to their calling and for more men to respond generously to the call to priesthood.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2026

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)

Reflect:

Christ is the cornerstone of every vocation and every act of love. When we build our lives on Him, we become living stones in His Church.

Discuss:

How is Christ the foundation of your daily decisions and relationships?

Pray:

Pray for strength to keep Christ at the center of your life and for vocations rooted firmly in faith.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2026

Deacon Sunday

"Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

Reflect:

Deacons embody humble service in the Church, proclaiming the Gospel and caring for those in need. Their witness reminds us that every vocation begins in service.

Discuss:

How can your parish celebrate and support the ministry of deacons and their families?

Pray:

Pray for all deacons and for those discerning a vocation of service in the Church.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2026

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

Reflect:

Everything we have is a gift from God. When we offer our time, talents, and hearts back to Him, we live out our vocation fully.

Discuss:

How can you use your gifts in service to God and His Church?

Pray:

Pray for generous hearts that use God's blessings for the good of others.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 25, 2026

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37–39)

Reflect:

Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. Vocations flourish when we love deeply and selflessly, beginning in our homes and parishes.

Discuss:

Who in your life has modeled selfless love? How can you do the same this week?

Pray:

Pray for an increase in love within families, parishes, and communities, that more people may answer God's call to serve.

All Saints Day – November 1, 2026

National Vocation Awareness Week Begins

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Reflect:

The saints remind us that holiness is possible for everyone — in every vocation and every walk of life. They show us how responding to God's call leads to joy and eternal life.

Discuss:

Which saint inspires you most, and how does their life encourage you to say "yes" to God?

Pray:

Pray for the courage to live your vocation as the saints did — with faith, hope, and love.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

Reflect:

Being watchful means living with purpose and readiness to meet the Lord. Those discerning vocations learn to trust His timing and direction.

Discuss:

What does "being ready" look like in your spiritual life right now?

Pray:

Pray for discerners to remain attentive to God's call and to respond promptly when they hear His voice.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2026

World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21)

Reflect:

Cloistered religious dedicate their lives to prayer for the world. Their hidden faithfulness reminds us that every prayer and act of love builds up the Body of Christ.

Discuss:

How can you support those living lives of hidden prayer and sacrifice?

Pray:

Pray for all cloistered and contemplative communities and for your own faithfulness in daily prayer.

Solemnity of Christ the King – November 22, 2026

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Reflect:

Christ reigns not through power, but through love and mercy. When we serve others, we honor Him as our King.

Discuss:

How can you bring Christ's love to someone in need this week?

Pray:

Pray for the grace to live under Christ's reign with mercy and humility and to build His kingdom through your vocation.