

Vocation Views

2016/ 2017 YEAR A

November 27, 2016: 1st Sunday of Advent

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24:37-44)

December 4, 2016: 2nd Sunday of Advent

How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. (Matthew 3:1-12)

December 11, 2016: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise. (Isaiah 35: 16, 10)

December 18, 2016: 4th Sunday of Advent

Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24)

December 25, 2016 Christmas

Rejoice! A child is born to us. This Prince of Peace is the great light. Go and share your joy with others. (Isaiah 9:1-6)

January 1, 2017: Solemnity of Mary

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

January 8, 2017: Epiphany of the Lord

Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

January 15, 2017: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. (Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6)

January 22, 2017: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4:12-23)

January 29, 2017: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel. (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 & Matthew 5:1-12)

February 5, 2017: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let your light shine and give God praise! Hiding your light doesn't serve anyone. Where will you choose to "glow"? (Matthew 5:13-16)

February 12, 2017: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. (Matthew 5:17-37)

February 19, 2017: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them. (Matthew 5:38-48)

February 26, 2017: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God promises never to forget us. If you feel distant from God, who had moved? Seek a closer relationship with God and all that you need will be given to you. (Isaiah 49:14-15 & Matthew 6:24-34)

March 5, 2017: 1st Sunday in Lent

During this time of fasting we may be tempted to go astray. Pray for the grace to follow the way that leads to life. (Matthew 4:1-11)

March 12, 2017: 2nd Sunday in Lent

This Lent Jesus invited us to go up on a mountain, to spend extra time in prayer. Don't be afraid of what you might experience. Trust that God is leading you to greater understanding. (Matthew 17:1-9)

March 19, 2017: 3rd Sunday in Lent

A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4:5-42)

March 26, 2017: 4th Sunday in Lent

The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (Samuel 16:6-13 & John 9:1-49)

April 2, 2017: 5th Sunday in Lent

Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45)

April 9, 2017: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Are you willing to stay with Jesus/ with others through difficult times? Pray for the strength to endure hardships. (Matthew 27:11-54)

April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The angel said, "Do not be afraid." Trust that the risen Christ empowers you to go and spread the good news. (Matthew 28:1-10)

April 23, 2017: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Do you believe in Jesus' call to you? Act on it! (John 20:19-31)

April 30, 2017: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a brother, sister, priest, or deacon. (Luke 24:13-35)

May 7, 2017: 4th Sunday of Easter

Whose voice will you follow – the Good Shepherd's or a stranger's? Pray for a listening heart. (John 10:1-10)

May 14, 2017: 5th Sunday of Easter

"How can we know the way?" Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14:1-12)

May 21, 2017: 6th Sunday of Easter

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21)

May 28, 2017: 7th Sunday of Easter – Feast of the Ascension

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts? (Matthew 28:16-20)

June 4, 2017: Feast of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

June 11, 2017: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Are you being called to live in community? Call on the Trinity to help you discern. (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

June 18, 2017: Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

Those who feed on the Bread of Life shall live forever. How is your spirit nourished by the body and blood of Christ? Eucharist is at the heart of our Christian faith. Come to the table! (John 6:51-58)

June 25, 2017: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Courage is needed to speak God's word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33)

July 2, 2017: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do you welcome others into your heart? Are you willing to give of yourself for others? Let your heart lead you to follow Jesus. (Matthew 10:37-42)

July 9, 2017: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people are weary and find life burdensome. Could God be calling you to bring comfort, encouragement and refreshment to others? Trust that Jesus can work through you. You can make a difference. (Matthew 11:25-30)

July 16, 2017: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seed take root in your hearts. (Matthew 13:1-23)

July 23, 2017: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good and evil together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13:24-43)

July 30, 2017: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested – an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

August 6, 2017: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Transfiguration of the Lord

“Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant.” Trust God's promise. God nourishes us abundantly. (Isaiah 55:1-3, & Matthew 14:13-21)

August 13, 2017: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is with us to help us do what may seem impossible. Have faith that you will not sink. Listen for his voice of encouragement. (Matthew 14:22-33)

August 20, 2017: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Canaanite woman implored Jesus to reach out to help her daughter. Jesus was stretched beyond what he thought was his mission. Will you let yourself go beyond what is 'safe'? (Matthew 15:21-28)

August 27, 2017: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do you say that Jesus is? Can you proclaim with Peter, "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God?*" Pray for the grace to act on your belief. (Matthew 16:13-20)

September 3, 2017: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus' sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus' promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to "let go and let God." (Matthew 16:21-27)

September 10, 2017: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18: 15-20)

September 17, 2017: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are you following in Jesus' footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive. (Psalm 103)

September 24, 2017: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God calls people at different times and in various ways. You're never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20: 1-16)

October 1, 2017: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your words be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21: 28-32)

October 8, 2017: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9)

October 15, 2017: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14)

October 22, 2017: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God? (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

October 29, 2017: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do you en flesh the great commandment of love? Be aware of how others show this vital commandment. Encourage those who you respect to dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church. (Matthew 22:34-40)

November 5, 2017: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12)

November 12, 2017: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait and welcome God in your midst? (Matthew 25:1-13)

November 19, 2017: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Mathew 25:14-30)

November 26, 2017: Feast of Christ the King

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother, or sister. What do you think/feel about this choice? (Matthew 25: 31-46)