



VOCATION VIEWS ~ CYCLE A (2022-2023)

First Sunday of Advent (11/27/22)

Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord! In God's House is found true joy, blessed are those called to minister in His Temple. (Psalm 122)

Second Sunday of Advent (12/4/22)

A vocation grows in silence, as a shoot sprouts from the ground. Make sure to keep the seed of faith alive in your heart and soul. (Is. 11:1)

Third Sunday of Advent (12/11/22)

'Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.' Be resolute in following the Lord, whether convenient or difficult. (James 5:8)

Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/18/22)

'When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had commanded him.' God's invitation demands a response. If He is calling you, pray for the courage to respond wholeheartedly, as did St. Joseph. (Matt 1:24)

Christmas (12/25/22)

God's plan for the salvation of the Israelites comes to fruition with the birth of Christ. God continues to call men to the priesthood to bring about the completion of this salvation. (Isaiah 9:5-6)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1/1/23)

Mary always says yes to God. In our prayer, we ask for the courage and strength to also say yes to God.

The Epiphany of the Lord (1/8/23)

God does not call through trumpets and midnight visions, but through the quiet recognition in the heart that something new is happening. As the Magi were attentive to the signs of the times, be aware of how God is calling you to be a disciple. (Matthew 2:9-12)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (1/15/23)

'Behold the Lamb of God!' John the Baptist points his followers to Jesus, our actions as disciples of Christ should do the same. (John 1:29)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (1/22/23)

After the time of His prayer and fasting in the desert, Jesus begins to call the Twelve. We must be students of prayer that we can hear the same call given to Peter, James and John. (Matthew 4:20)

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (1/29/23)

Jesus shares with us the great commands of the Beatitudes as He seeks to bless us in our faith.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (2/5/23)

'I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.' In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (2/12/23)

You have heard that it was said . . . ' Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul. (Matthew 5:20-37)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (2/19/23)

'Be Holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy!' Embrace the call to holiness, and everyday will bring new adventures of following where Christ leads. (Leviticus 19:2)

First Sunday of Lent (2/26/23)

Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from sin. Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a conduit of Grace to this world. (Romans 5:17-19)

Second Sunday of Lent (3/5/23)

"Rise, and do not be afraid." So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart. (Matthew 5:38-48)

Third Sunday of Lent (3/12/23)

Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life. (John 4:14)

Fourth Sunday of Lent (3/19/23)

Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man, as He can open our eyes blinded by the sins we have committed. Be open to new areas that God is leading you to trust His promises. (John 9:2-3)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (3/26/23)

"Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!" With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life. (John 11:27)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (4/2/23)

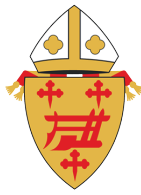
Our Lord identifies with our suffering and offers His for our salvation. When we unite our sufferings with His, we are bound to Him on the Cross for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Easter Sunday (4/9/23)

He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection. (Matthew 28:6-7)

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday (4/16/23)

'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world, do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word, and deed. (John 20:21)



Third Sunday of Easter (4/23/23)

'Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.' Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world. (1 Peter 1:17)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (4/30/23)

'Repent and be baptized!' Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord; we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism. (Acts 2:38)

Fifth Sunday of Easter (5/7/23)

'In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.' Prepare a place in the Father's Mansion by living His promises here on earth. (John 14:2)

Sixth Sunday of Easter (5/14/23)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility. (John 14:15)

The Ascension of the Lord (5/21/23)

"Go and make disciples of all nations!" Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ; embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world! (Matthew 28:19)

Pentecost Sunday (5/28/23)

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The coming of the Spirit gives us the power and vitality to be a witness to Christ, no matter the cost. (John 20:21)

The Most Holy Trinity (6/4/23)

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a life-changing encounter! (John 3:16)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (6/11/23)

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." Even before the beginning of your life, God has set out a plan for your ultimate happiness. Have courage to embrace that plan. (Jeremiah 1:4)

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (6/18/23)

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." (Mt 9:37-38)

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time (6/25/23)

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)

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (7/2/23)

Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:13-19)



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/9/23)

We are to live a life in the Spirit, putting to death the works of the flesh. Ask God to help you always live as a child of the Light. (Romans 8:13)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/16/23)

Make your heart ready to receive the Word of God sown through the Mass and Sacraments in the Church. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/23/23)

The Lord is a God of mercy and graciousness, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Our response is one of gratitude for calling us to be his disciples. (Psalm 86:15)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/30/23)

“Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong.” True knowledge comes from the Lord and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. (1 Kings 3:9)

The Transfiguration of the Lord (8/6/23)

“Lord, it is good that we are here.” It is always good to be in the presence of God.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (8/13/23)

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvelous things. Trust that he will not allow you to stumble or fall. (Matthew 14:23)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (8/20/23)

“The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” Use the gifts that God has given you to stir into flame the gift of faith. (Romans 11:29)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (8/27/23)

“Who do you say that I am?” We confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (Matthew 16:13-20)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/3/23)

“O God, you are my God whom I seek.” As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. (Psalm 63:2)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/10/23)

“Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.” Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others. (Matthew 18:20)

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (9/17/23)

For if we live, we live for the Lord. (Romans 14:8)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/24/23)

The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls. (Matthew 20:1-16)



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/1/23)

“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.” The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. (Psalm 25:4)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/8/23)

“Have no anxiety at all, but make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/15/23)

“The Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food.” Let us look only to the Lord for our salvation and peace, for the things of this world pass away. (Isaiah 25:6)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/22/23)

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (Matthew 22:21)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/29/23)

“You turned from idols to serve the living and true God.” Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God. (1 Thess. 1:10)

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time (11/5/23)

Our faith should be lived in such a way that others are drawn to the Lord; however, we have to be aware of pride. We do all things for God.

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (11/12/23)

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (11/19/23)

“Since you have been faithful in small matters, you will be given greater responsibility.” To follow the Lord is to slowly grow in the love of the Lord, practicing small steps of virtue in order to grow to a vibrant faith in Christ. (Matthew 25:14-30)

Our Lord, Christ the King (11/26/23)

“He will separate the sheep from the goats.” To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matthew 25:31-33)