

VOCATION VIEWS ~ CYCLE A

First Sunday of Advent 11/27/16

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

Second Sunday of Advent 12/4/16

Prepare the way for the Lord. Ask yourself what needs straightening in your life. Call on God in prayer to help you. (Matthew 3:1-12)

Third Sunday of Advent 12/11/16

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 12/18/16

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. Trust in God and let Him work through you. (Matthew 1:18-24)

Christmas 12/25/16

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)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 1/1/17

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. Take time to strengthen your family ties. (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

Epiphany of the Lord 1/8/17

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/15/17

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/22/17

If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? Do not let anything hold you back. (Matthew 4:12-23)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/29/17

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)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2/5/17

'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 2/12/17

'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 2/19/17

'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)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2/26/17

Do not worry! Seek first the Kingdom of God and all our troubles will be cared for by God, for only in God is true rest found. (Matthew 6:33 and Psalm 62)

First Sunday in Lent 3/5/17

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)

Second Sunday in Lent 3/12/17

This Lent Jesus invites 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)

Third Sunday in Lent 3/19/17

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent 3/26/17

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. (1 Samuel 16:6-13 & John 9:1-49)

Fifth Sunday of Lent 4/2/17

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)

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 4/9/17

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

Easter Sunday 4/16/17

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)

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday 4/23/17

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

Third Sunday of Easter 4/30/17

Recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread. Your heart is burning within you. Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a brother, sister, priest, or deacon. (Luke 24:13-35)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) 5/7/17

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter 5/14/17

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/21/17

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)

The Ascension of the Lord 5/25/17 or 5/28/17

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

Pentecost Sunday 6/4/17

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)

The Most Holy Trinity 6/11/17

Listen to the call to live in community. Call on the Trinity to help you discern. (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 6/18/17

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)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6/25/17

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 7/2/17

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 7/9/17

Many people are weary and find life burdensome. God could 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)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/16/17

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/23/17

Good and evil exist 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. Take time to nurture good in our world. (Matthew 13:24-43)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7/30/17

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

Transfiguration of the Lord 8/6/17

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." (Luke 9:35)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/13/17

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)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/20/17

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 8/27/17

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)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/3/17

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)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10/17

There is great 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)

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9/17/17

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/24/17

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)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/1/17

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/8/17

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)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/15/17

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)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/22/17

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/29/17

Enflesh 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)

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time 11/5/17 (Vocation Awareness Week)

Be at peace, following Christ leads the soul into the hands of Christ. The faithful shall abide with Him in love. (Wisdom 3:1-9)

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 11/12/17

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/19/17

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

Our Lord Christ the King 11/26/17

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. Think about this choice. (Matthew 25:31-46)