

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

Sundays 18-34 in Ordinary Time – Year C

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 4

Today is the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron of all priests, who worked tirelessly to provide for the needs of his people. As we reflect on the generosity God invites us to live our lives with, please pray for priests and in a special way this week pray for our new Bishop, Douglas Lucia, who will be ordained and installed on Thursday.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 11

God's timing is not always our timing. The readings today speak of his return at an unexpected time, and the reward waiting for those who are found waiting. Maybe the call to religious life is coming to you later than you expected. Do not be afraid to consider that possibility. Seek the advice of a religious sister, brother, or priest. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18

St. Paul encourages his audience to “persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame.” We need spiritual leaders today who can bear the cross and remain faithful to the Lord. If that fire burns in you, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25

Jesus warned that his followers must seek the narrow gate. The way of the world is a wide path, but it leads to destruction. If you feel a restlessness for more and an exhaustion with the empty promises of this world, seek the narrow way. Ask the Lord to guide you to a life with meaning and purpose. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1

The first reading from Sirach provides this meaningful wisdom: “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.” Pray for humility and seek out God's plan for you. This is not weakness, but a sign of a good leader. For information on priesthood, call 315-470-1468.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8

“Who can conceive what the Lord intends?” Discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life often involves taking up that cross or renouncing the possessions and ways of life that Jesus speaks of in today’s Gospel. Take the first step and contact the Vocations Office at 315-470-1468.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15

St. Paul recognized that he was appointed to the ministry of the Gospel by Christ himself. If you think you are experiencing the same call, let the strength of Christ transform you, as it did St. Paul, to this ministry by becoming a priest or religious. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22

What master do you serve? Where does your devotion lie? If you feel a special call in your heart to serve the Lord above everything, contact the Vocations Office 315-470-1468.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29

“Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” St. Paul speaks of these virtues as characteristics that a leader in the Church should possess. Perhaps the Lord may be calling you to a very special way of exercising these same virtues as a priest, deacon, or religious. Contact the Vocations Office at 315-470-1468.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 6

“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” In response to the apostles’ request that Jesus help increase their faith, He challenges them to go further, to do more. For all of us who follow Christ, the response of faith is never “Have I done enough?” but always “What more would you have me do, Lord?” The Lord calls each of us to follow Him more closely each day. If you would like to find out more about understanding how He is calling you to serve Him, contact the Vocations Office at 315.470.1468.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13

“Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.” Salvation is a precious gift from God, the Good News that through His Son Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed and freed from the law of sin of death. To serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother means to proclaim this Good News of salvation for all people each and every day. For more information about vocations, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.” God is calling you today to proclaim His word, to tell others of what great things He has done for you and through you, to teach others about His power to save, and to preach the message of His Son, Jesus. But He reminds us that it is not always easy, or convenient. But it is always a challenge worth accepting. To find out more, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 27

“And I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat, and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.” St. Paul trusted in the Lord above all else, in Jesus Christ who gave him strength to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. God will give you the strength to carry out his plan in your life, whatever that may be. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at 315.470.1468.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3

“Brothers and sisters: we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him.” This is the prayer that we should always have for one another, that God will bless whatever we undertake in His name, so that whatever we do will ring out to the glory of His Son Jesus. God has a plan for you, personally, and we as Christians all pray together that you may discern it and bring it to bear great fruit. To find out more about vocations, contact the Vocations Office at 315.470.1468

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 10

“The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for His laws that we are dying.” Following our God, the one true King, is never an easy thing to do, and in all ages, at all times, in all places, great sacrifices have been made by believers to follow the Lord of Life. To live out the Christian life requires courage and commitment, but for those who choose to answer God’s call, the reward is eternal life with Him. God has a plan for you, He has a task for you to perform, a mission for you to carry out. The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Syracuse stands ready to help you learn more about this mission. To find out more, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17

“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” Have you ever felt held back from pursuing a deeper commitment to the faith because of what other people might say? This is by no means an uncommon feeling. Moses, too, had the same fear, wondering if he was the right person for God to send, because he had no gift for speaking. Our Lord reminds us, however, that He is with us, and through the Holy Spirit, gives us wisdom to say whatever is needed. Want to find out more? Contact the Vocations Office at 315.470.1468.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Our King is triumphant, victorious over sin and death. He is calling all His people to follow Him to glory. The good thief recognized that, when all is said and done, we are all sinners in need of His grace, which He so mercifully bestows. But while here on Earth, we are called each day to serve Him to the best of our abilities. To discover ways to serve Him more deeply, call the Vocations Office at www.vocations-syracuse.org