

Vocation Blurbs Weeks 10-21 of Ordinary Time 2009 (Year B)

The Most Holy Trinity – 6/7/09

The Gospel of Matthew ends with the Great Commissioning in Matthew. After years of following Jesus, the Apostles are sent out to carry on His work. They do not go alone. He promised to be with them always. As you seek the will of God in your life, remember that you will never be alone. Vocation prayers are available at www.vocations-syracuse.org.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 6/14/09

Moses sent “certain young men to offer sacrifice.” Young men are still needed to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus perfected that sacrifice when he offered himself on the cross. Can you offer yourself? For discernment information, contact the Office of Vocations at (315)470-1468.

12nd Sunday Ordinary Time – 6/21/09

Beginning last Friday, Pope Benedict has invited the Church to celebrate the next twelve months as the “Year of the Priest.” Please remember to pray for your parish priests and the young men aspiring to priesthood in the Diocese of Syracuse. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org for a list of seminarians.

13rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/28/09

Jesus became poor that we might become rich. There is great reward in imitating his great love as a religious sister, brother, or priest. For more information, contact Fr. O’Connor at joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/5/09

Ezekiel was sent by the Lord to those who had rebelled against God. God is still calling prophets to speak his word to those most in need of guidance and mercy. Invite a young person to be open to this important mission. They can call the Vocation Office for more information 315-470-1468.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/12/09

Today we hear of another unlikely prophet. Amos was a shepherd and tree-dresser before God called him to share His word. Pray for the Spirit of God to move the hearts of today’s unlikely prophets to answer the call to Religious Life. For discernment help, contact Fr. O’Connor at joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/19/09

Today we hear a third story about prophets in as many weeks. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promises to send shepherds to a people starving for leadership and guidance. In difficult times, God is most generous. He is calling and, more importantly, strengthening those he calls. For more information on vocations, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/26/09

For the next four weeks of Ordinary Time, we will hear the “Bread of Life Discourse” from the Gospel of John. Jesus promised to give his flesh as bread for the life of the world. He needs priests to carry on this life-giving mission. If you feel the call to give your life like Christ, call Fr. O’Connor at (315)470-1468.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/2/09

God met the needs of the Hebrew people who were starving in the desert. There are people today starving for the loving care and concern of God. If you can be that presence in the lives of others, consider a religious vocation. Email joconnor@syracusediocese.org for more information.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9/09

The crowds who knew Jesus’ family couldn’t believe all that he was accomplishing. Sometimes family and friends can hold young people back from what God is trying to do in their lives. Let God take them to great places. Encourage and pray for Religious Vocations in your family. Get ideas at www.vocations-syracuse.org.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/16/09

Yesterday was the Feast of the Mary’s Assumption at the end of her life, which was marked with a complete openness to the will of God. She was the first to say, “This is my body given up for you” as she accepted the Lord Jesus into her womb. As the patroness and model for all priests, we ask her intercession for vocations today.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/23/09

The Bread of Life Discourse was hard for some to hear. Some walked away, but Jesus didn’t change his teaching. He is the Bread of Life – really and truly present in the Eucharist. If you are willing to share difficult teachings with the world, consider the priesthood. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org for more information.