

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

2010 Ordinary Time Weeks 23-Christ the King

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5

“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 Fr. Joe O’Connor at 315-470-1468.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12

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 19

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 Fr. Joe O’Connor 315-470-1468.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 26

“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 Fr. Joe O’Connor at 315-470-1468.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 3

The prophet Habakkuk tells us in the first reading, “If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come.” Just as help from the Lord is never late, so too it is never too late to be called to priesthood or religious life. More importantly, it is never too late to answer the call by becoming the obedient servant that the Lord speaks of in today’s Gospel. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 10

The world today needs more people to be like the one leper who returned to Jesus and acknowledged his infinite love and mercy power. Perhaps you are being called to give witness to the salvation that comes from Christ alone. Contact Fr. Joe O’Connor at joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 17

Jesus tells his disciples, “Pray always.” The key to discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life is prayer. Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, reflect on the Scriptures, and listen carefully for God’s voice speaking in you. Then, take the next step and contact Fr. Joe O’Connor at 315-470-1468.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 24

This week, St. Paul gives witness to the fact that God stands by us and gives us strength in times of trial. The Book of Sirach confirms this; God hears our prayers. Pray that if your friend, son, daughter, or member of your parish has a vocation he or she will trust in the Lord's help and guidance and answer the call.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." Like Zacchaeus, there are many "lost" people in the world. They are in need of someone to bring them God's mercy and love. Could this person be you? Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 7

St. Paul prayed for the hearts of the Thessalonians to be directed to the love of God in Christ Jesus. Is your heart burning with the desire for Christ alone? If you are considering a religious vocation, contact the director of vocation promotion, Fr. Joe O'Connor, at 315-470-1468 or joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 14

As the season of Advent approaches, recall that we must prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming both at Christmas and at the end of time. This reminds us, as does today's Gospel, that we will suffer persecution for the sake of Christ from a world that does not care to know him. Help to bring Christ to the world! Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, November 21

The first reading tells us that David was anointed a king to be the shepherd of God's people. Today's feast, Christ the King, reminds us that Jesus is the King, the Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Christ provides the model of kingly service. All we have to do is follow! Contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at 315-470-1468.