

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

First Sunday of Advent to Epiphany

First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011

“Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands.” As we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us take some time to pray to the Lord about what His intentions might be for our lives. Let us pray to the Lord about our vocations! We can trust that He is constantly shaping our lives according to His own plan and purpose, a plan that only has our goodness and happiness in mind.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2011

“So, beloved, while waiting for this, make every effort to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight.” As we pray about our vocations, remember that there are many things that hinder us from hearing the voice of the Lord. His voice is found in but a tiny whisper. Take the time this week to free yourself of anything that might be holding you back from approaching the Lord. For helpful discernment tools, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2011

“He said: ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” Many people are anxiously searching for the Lord in their lives. Oftentimes it just takes one person to shed some light into another’s life, to point them in the right direction. St. John the Baptist responded wholeheartedly to his vocation and led many people to the Lord. Do you feel called to do the same? For more information about vocations, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2011

What was Mary’s response to the archangel Gabriel when he told her she would be the Mother of God? *“But Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be?’”* You might feel the Lord tugging at your heart to respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Your initial response might be similar to that of Mary’s, “How can this be?” You may feel unworthy or unqualified. It’s ok. Mary was only 14 or 15 years of age when she was called. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. Go for it! To find out more, email joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

Christmas Day, December 25, 2011

The whole world rejoices on this day because of Mary’s humble “yes” to God in her life, a “yes” that brought forth Our Savior, Jesus Christ! We feel the effects of Mary’s “yes” even today. I wonder how much good others would experience in their lives if you gave your personal “yes” to God in your own life? Call 315-470-1468.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1st, 2012

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” It is good to reflect on the many experiences in your life with the intention of trying to discover how God has led you to this moment. It is good to spend time with the Lord in prayer. It is in prayer that all secrets are revealed and the mysteries that have surrounded our life begin to make sense. The Lord might show you that he has been preparing you all along for a special vocation in the Church. To find out more, email joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8th, 2012

“On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” All of the good things in our life, all of our gifts and talents, are from the Lord. I pray that in seeing the great gift Our Lord made to us in becoming a tiny child, you may be moved to open the treasures of your own heart in loving service to God and neighbor. For more information about vocations, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.