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First Sunday of Advent 2026 to Feast of Christ the King 2027
Cycle B

***First Sunday of Advent* – November 29, 2026**
That the hearts and minds of all those discerning a call to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life are watchful and open to the voice of God, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Advent* – December 6, 2026**
That those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" as priests or religious brothers or sisters will answer His call, we pray to the Lord.

***Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* – December 8, 2026**
That men and women will accept how God is calling them to serve as Mary responded to the angel Gabriel, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Advent* – December 13, 2026**
For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ through the priesthood or in consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent* – December 20, 2026**
For men called by the Lord to be priests and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

***Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord* – December 25, 2026**
That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

***Feast of the Holy Family* – December 27, 2026**
That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* – January 1, 2027**
That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters, will find joy and fulfillment in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

***The Epiphany of the Lord* – January 3, 2027**
That our young people will be open to their unique vocation through prayer and will adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.

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***The Baptism of the Lord* – January 10, 2027**
That all those initiated by baptism as followers of Christ may discern and live out the vocation to which Christ is calling them, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* – January 17, 2027**
That every Catholic will actively answer, "Here I am!" as they seek out their calling in Christ, especially those chosen to serve as priests or consecrated brothers or sisters, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* – January 24, 2027**
For an increase in fishers of men and for a deeper gratitude for the priests, deacons, and religious now serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – January 31, 2027**
That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life may strive to adhere to the Lord without distraction, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – February 7, 2027** *(World Day of Consecrated Life)*
For the faith to accept the healing power of Jesus, who wants more men and women to follow Him as priests, sisters, and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

***First Sunday of Lent* – February 14, 2027** *(World Marriage Day)*
That prayer, penance and almsgiving will help more men and women follow the Holy Spirit as they discern their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That the Holy Spirit will be the guiding force in every marriage and lead spouses to protect and pray for each other every day, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Lent* – February 21, 2027**
That those the Lord is calling to be a priest or consecrated brother or sister will withhold nothing from God and listen to the call, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Lent* – February 28, 2027**
For those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent* – March 7, 2027**
That we may have faithful priests and consecrated brothers and sisters to guide us just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday of Lent* – March 14, 2027**
For all those being called to the priesthood and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

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***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion* – March 21, 2027**
For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Easter Sunday* – March 28, 2027**
That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)* – April 4, 2027**
For all our priests whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people, that they are blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Easter* – April 11, 2027**
For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord while they discern their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter*– April 18, 2027** *(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)*
For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for our Church and that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter* – April 25, 2027**
That we may all abide in the Lord as branches on His vine, encouraging our young people as they discover their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

***Sixth Sunday of Easter* – May 2, 2027**
For a deeper faith, hope, and love among all, especially those God is calling to serve as a priest or religious sister, we pray to the Lord.

***The Ascension of the Lord* – May 9, 2027** *(Mothers Day)*
That seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will generously share His spirit of wisdom with all those now discerning their vocation and open the eyes of their hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

That Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, we pray to the Lord.

***Pentecost Sunday* – May 16, 2027**
For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as the Spirit leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

***The Most Holy Trinity* – May 23, 2027**
That the mystery of the love of the Blessed Trinity will strengthen many men and women to respond to that love as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)* – May 30, 2027**
That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ at the hands of His priests and that those serving God as priests will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

***Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* -- June 6, 2027**
That those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life not give in to discouragement, but rather, through grace, give glory to God through their discernment, we pray to the Lord.

***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time* – June 13, 2027**
That we continue to have priests, deacons and consecrated religious to courageously teach us through their example of walking by faith, we pray to the Lord.

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – June 20, 2027** *(Father's Day)*
That Catholic fathers will foster vocation awareness among their children, knowing that they will be helping to reveal the Heavenly Father's love by their prayer, guidance and example, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – June 27, 2027**
That all those contemplating a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or diaconate, will trust the Lord with all their afflictions and doubts as they discern, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – July 4, 2027**
That all men and women will trust in the sufficient grace of the Lord when they are called to serve Him and His people as priests, deacons, and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – July 11, 2027**
For all those called to priesthood and consecrated life that they experience the kindness of the Lord and, in turn, show it to others, we pray to the Lord.

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – July 18, 2027**
That with dedicated spirits, we ask the Lord to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to help lead His flock, we pray to the Lord.

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – July 25, 2027**
For a greater appreciation of the richness of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – August 1, 2027**
That men and women share this heavenly bread and discern how God is calling them to serve others, we pray to the Lord.

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***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – August 8, 2027**
That men and women discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life would allow the Father to draw them close, we pray to the Lord.

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* – August 15, 2027**
That, guided by the example of Mary, men and women will accept the call of the Lord to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time* – August 22, 2027**
For all those serving Christ as a priest or consecrated religious, that, like the disciples, they would continue to grow ever deeper in their belief that Jesus is the Holy One of God, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time* – August 29, 2027**
That all men and women hear God's plan for their lives and answer the call with thanks in their hearts, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time* – September 5, 2027**
That the ears of those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life be opened, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – September 12, 2027**
For the ability to discern God's will with clarity and respond actively, especially for those contemplating a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – September 19, 2027**
That all men and women be receptive to the divine call to serve Him as priests, brothers, or sisters, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – September 26, 2027** *(Priesthood Sunday)*
For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time* – October 3, 2027**
That all those called to follow the Lord as priests, brothers, and sisters will recognize the gift of their call and glorify Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – October 10, 2027** *(Deacon Sunday)*
For all deacons who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – October 17, 2027**
That all may confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help, especially those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

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***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* – October 24, 2027**
For an eager response to God's call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time* – October 31, 2027**
That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

***All Saints Day* – November 1, 2027**
That we may have ample priests and consecrated religious to lead us to the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time* – November 7, 2027 (Natl Vocations Awareness)**
That during National Vocation Awareness Week, every parishioner will devote themselves and their families to praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially from our own parish, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time* – November 14, 2027**
For more men to accept the gift and mystery of a vocation to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

***Solemnity of Christ the King* – November 21, 2027**
For a deep understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.