

**BULLETIN VOCATION VIEWS CYCLE A**  
**Advent -Christ the King**

*Following are inserts for the parish bulletin, which correspond to the theme of the liturgy for each Sunday beginning with the First Sunday of Advent in Cycle A*

**Major Seasons**

***First Sunday of Advent***

Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24: 37 – 44). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Second Sunday of Advent***

How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. (Matthew 3: 1 – 12). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Third Sunday of Advent***

Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise. (Isaiah 35: 16, 10). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1: 18-24). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Christmas***

Rejoice! A child is born to us. This Prince of Peace is the great light. God and share your joy with others. (Isaiah 9: 1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Feast of the Holy Family***

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Epiphany of the Lord***

Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 60: 1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Baptism of the Lord          Vocation Awareness Week***

At his baptism Jesus is supported by the presence of the Spirit and of his Father. We, too, are affirmed in our baptism and called to holiness. Are you being called to live your baptismal commitment as a priest or religious? (Matthew 3: 13-17). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***First Sunday of Lent***

During this time of fasting we may be tempted to go astray. Pray for the grace to follow the way that leads to life. (Matthew 4: 1-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Second Sunday of Lent***

This Lent Jesus invites us to go up on a mountain, to spend extra time in prayer. Don't be afraid of what you might experience. Trust that God is leading you to greater understanding. (Matthew 17: 1-9). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Third Sunday of Lent***

A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4: 5-42). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (1 Samuel 16: 6 – 13 & John 9: 1-49). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11: 1-45). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Palm Sunday***

Are you willing to stay with Jesus/with others through difficult times? Pray for the strength to endure hardships. (Matthew 27: 11-54). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Easter Sunday***

The angel said, "Do not be afraid." Trust that the risen Christ empowers you to go and spread the good news. (Matthew 28: 1-10). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Second Sunday of Easter***

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Do you believe in Jesus' call to you? Act on it! (John 20: 19-31). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Third Sunday of Easter***

Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a brother, sister, priest or deacon. (Luke 24: 13-35). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

### ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Whose voice will you follow – the Good Shepherd's or a stranger's? Pray for a listening heart. (John 10: 1-10). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

"How can we know the way?" Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14: 1-12). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14: 15-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Seventh Sunday of Easter -- Ascension of the Lord***

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts? (Matthew 28: 16-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Pentecost Sunday***

Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. (1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Feast of the Most Holy Trinity***

Are you being called to live in community? Call on the Trinity to help you discern. (2 Corinthians 13: 11-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ***

Those who feed on the Bread of Life shall live forever. How is your spirit nourished by the body and blood of Christ? Eucharist is at the heart of our Christian faith. Come to the table! (John 6: 51-58). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

## **Sundays in Ordinary Time**

### ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. (Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4: 12-23). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel. (Zephaniah 2: 3, 12-13 & Matthew 5: 1-12). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Let your light shine and give God praise! Hiding your light doesn't serve anyone. Where will you choose to "glow?" (Matthew 5: 13-16). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. (Matthew 5: 17-37). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them. (Matthew 5: 38-48). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God promises never to forget us. If you feel distant from God, who has moved? Seek a closer relationship with God and all that you need will be given to you. (Isaiah 49: 14-15 & Matthew 6: 24-34). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

### ***Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as the solid rock on which to build your life. Consider ministry in the Church. (Matthew 7: 21-27). If you think

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***Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God is filled with surprises. You may think that there is no way that you would be called to follow Jesus as a priest, brother, sister, or deacon. Today's gospel reminds us that God calls unlikely people to be his close followers. (Matthew 9: 9-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The harvest is abundant, but workers for the harvest are few. Pray that God will inspire many people to work with the harvest. Do you hear a call to serve? (Matthew 9: 36, 10:8). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Courage is needed to speak God's word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10: 26-33). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Feast of SS. Peter and Paul***

How do you welcome others into your heart? Are you willing to give of yourself for others? Let your heart lead you to follow Jesus. (Matthew 10: 37-42). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Many people are weary and find life burdensome. Could God be calling you to bring comfort, encouragement and refreshment to others? Trust that Jesus can work through you. You can make a difference. (Matthew 11: 25-30). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seed take root in your hearts. (Matthew 13: 1-23). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Good and evil exist together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13: 24-43). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested – an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12). If you think God is

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***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*“Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant.”* Trust God’s promise. God nourishes us abundantly. (Isaiah 55: 1-3, & Matthew 14: 13-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Jesus is with us to help us do what may seem impossible. Have faith that you will not sink. Listen for his voice of encouragement. (Matthew 14:22-33). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

A Canaanite woman implored Jesus to reach out to help her daughter. Jesus was stretched beyond what he thought was his mission. Will you let yourself go beyond what is ‘safe’? (Matthew 15:21-28). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Who do you say that Jesus is? Can you proclaim with Peter, *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God?”* Pray for the grace to act on your belief. (Matthew 16:13-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus’ sake, you will find it. By walking the path we come to know Jesus; promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to “let go and let God.” (Matthew 16:21-27). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.* Are you following in Jesus’ footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive. (Psalm 103). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God calls people at different times and in various ways. You’re never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20: 1-16). If you think God is calling

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***Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21: 28 -32). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***Vocation Awareness Sunday***

You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God? (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

How do you en flesh the great commandment of love? Be aware of how others show this vital commandment. Encourage those who you respect to dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church. (Matthew 22: 34-40). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***All Souls Day***

Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome***

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait and welcome God in your midst? (Matthew 25: 1-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Matthew 25: 14-30). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.

***Feast of Christ the King***

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother or sister. What do you think/feel about this choice? (Matthew 25: 31-46). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com) or call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316.