Vocation Thoughts for Parish Bulletins
March 2022/Cycle C

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 27, 2022**

“Therefore … be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,” Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

 **Ash Wednesday—M arch 2, 2022**

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022**

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God.” Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Second Sunday of Lent – March 13, 2022**

“This is my beloved Son, hear him.” Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Third Sunday of Lent – March 20, 2022**

“I AM sent me to you.” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27 , 2022**

“I am the light of the world, says the Lord.” Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Vocation General Intercessions**

**March 2022/Cycle C**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 27, 2022**

That the Lord will bless us with vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to serve as teachers to his flock, we pray to the Lord.

**Ash Wednesday—M arch 2, 2022**

That men and women will answer the call of their vocations, denying themselves, taking up their crosses, and following Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022**

For all men and women being chosen by Christ to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call, we pray to the Lord.

**Second Sunday of Lent – March 13, 2022**

That our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the Holy Eucharist, will be strengthened in their life and vocation, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Lent – March 20, 2022**

That like Moses, young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022**

For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

**Stewardship Thoughts for Parish Bulletins**

**March 2022**

**March 6, 2022**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

*“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**March 13, 2022**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

*“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (GENESIS 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

**March 20, 2022**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

*“…He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE 13:7)*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

**March 27, 2022**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

*“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (JOSHUA 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**6 de marzo de 2022**

**1er. Domingo de Cuaresma**

*“Ahora he traído los primeros frutos de la tierra que tú, Señor, me has dado” (Deuteronomio 26: 10)*

Esta línea del Antiguo Testamento nos ofrece dos retos. Primero, ¿le entrega a Dios sus “primeros frutos”?, los primeros y mejores que usted tiene para ofrecer, ¿o le está dando lo que le sobra? Segundo, ¿se da cuenta de que todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene le ha sido dado por Dios? Pídale a Dios que le dé un corazón agradecido y generoso, cada día, y en cualquier circunstancia.

**13 de marzo de 2022**

**2do. Domingo de Cuaresma**

*“Yo soy el Señor que te trajo de Ur de los caldeos para darle esta tierra como posesión”. (Genesis 15: 7)*

Así como el Señor le dio a Abraham, Moisés y los Israelitas una tierra para poseerla, Él también le ha dado a cada uno un hogar. Si su casa es grande o humilde, es un regalo de Dios. Abraham preparó un gran sacrificio al Señor en agradecimiento por el hogar que Dios le dio… ¿Cómo le muestra su gratitud a Dios por el hogar que Dios le ha dado? ¿Hace algún sacrificio de cualquier tipo? … ¿Le regresa algo de sus finanzas a Dios, invirtiendo en su casa eterna de la misma forma que invierte en su casa terrenal?

**20 de marzo de 2022**

**3er Domingo de Cuaresma**

*“... Él le dijo al viñador, ‘Por tres años he venido a buscar los frutos de la higuera, pero no encontré ninguno’” (LUCAS 13: 7)*

A veces podemos ser como la higuera estéril. ¿Se aferra a lo que tiene o lo comparte generosamente con otros? ¿Cómo responderá cuando Dios le pregunte que ha hecho con todos los dones que Él le ha dado? Recuerde, no solamente estamos llamados a ser generosos, somos llamados a desarrollar y cuidar nuestros dones, y a retornarlos con creces. Recuerde, hemos sido llamados a ser generosos con todos los dones; especialmente aquellos que más significado tienen para usted.

**27 de marzo de 2022**

**4to. Domingo de Cuaresma**

*“Ya no hubo más maná para los Israelitas, que ese año comieron del rendimiento de la tierra de Canaán.” (Josué 5:12)*

En los cuarenta años que los israelitas viajaron por el desierto, Dios les proporcionó el maná para comer. Tan pronto como fueron capaces de disfrutar de los frutos de la Tierra Prometida dejaron de recibir el maná. De la misma manera, las bendiciones de Dios para nosotros pueden cambiar a través de los años, pero es importante confiar que Dios siempre nos proveerá de todo lo que necesitamos.