

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
March 2023/Cycle A**

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

First Sunday of Lent – February 26, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

“He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design...” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

“But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2023

“...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him.” Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”
Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 2, 2023

“Truly, this was the Son of God!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions **March 2023/Cycle A**

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar. Please consider including them in your mass intentions.

Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023

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 – February 26, 2023

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 5, 2023

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2023

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 2, 2023

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Words of love and mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.