

## **Vocation Bulletin Blurbs**

**First Sunday of Advent 2025 to Feast of Christ the King 2026  
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**Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocation Promoter**

### **First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025**

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* (Matthew 24:42) God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025**

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8, 2025**

*"Behold, you will conceive and bear a son..."* (Luke 1:31)

Mary's openness to God's plan shows how saying 'Yes' can change the world. All vocations, priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, begin with a generous response to God's call. Pray for guidance and courage to follow where He leads. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or by email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - December 14, 2025**

*"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"* (Matthew 11:2-3)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025**

*"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"* (Matthew 1:23)

Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Christmas - December 25, 2025**

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)*

Christ's birth calls all vocations, married, priestly, and religious, to make Him present in the world. How is God asking you to make Him present? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Feast of the Holy Family - December 28, 2025**

*"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." (Matthew 2:20)*

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. Pray and reflect on the kind of obedience God may be asking of you. If you sense it may be as a priest or religious, reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2026**

*"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)*

Mary's quiet discernment shows us how to listen for God's will. Retreat and take time to reflect what God has placed in your heart. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026**

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." (Matthew 2:11)*

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Baptism of the Lord - January 11, 2026**

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)*

God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18, 2026**

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)*

John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 25, 2026**

*"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* (Matthew 4:19) Jesus invites us to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2026**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:3) Fittingly as we read the beatitudes, this weekend the Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life. The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter our vocation. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 8, 2026**

#### ***World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week***

*"You are the light of the world."* (Matthew 5:14) By our Baptism we are all called to bring Christ's light to others. Married couples do it through their union, priests and religious do it by living out their vocations faithfully. If you sense God may be calling you to let your light shine in the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2026**

*"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."* (Matthew 5:17) Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026**

*"Your Father who sees in secret will repay you."* (Matthew 6:6)

As we begin Lent, we're called to pray deeply and follow God's will. Priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony all require hidden acts of love and sacrifice. Which vocation is God whispering to your heart? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026**

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, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

### **Second Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2026**

*"This is my beloved Son... listen to him."* (Matthew 17:5) God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026**

*"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."* (John 4:14) Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026**

*"I am the light of the world."* (John 9:5) Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. If you sense God may be calling you to let your light shine in the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026**

*"I am the resurrection and the life."* (John 11:25) Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 29, 2026**

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (Matthew 21:9) As we enter Holy Week, we honor Christ's sacrifice. Priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others. Could God be calling you to serve? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026**

*"He is not here; for He has risen."* (Matthew 28:6) Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - April 12, 2026**

*"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19) As we reflect on Jesus' merciful heart, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026**

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."* (Luke 24:31) Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026**

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

*"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture."* (John 10:9) Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do. If you feel a stirring in your heart about where God is calling you, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026**

*"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do."* (John 14:12)

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call. Should you desire some direction, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2026**

*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."* (John 14:15)

Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026**

*"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them."*

(John 17:10) Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026**

*"Receive the Holy Spirit."* (John 20:22) If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **The Most Holy Trinity - May 31, 2026**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."* (John 3:16) The Trinity's love calls each of us to respond generously, offering our lives in service and fidelity. In priesthood, this gift is lived out daily through the sacraments, pastoral care, and witnessing Christ's love to the world. Might God be inviting you to follow this path? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - June 7, 2026**

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."* (John 6:56) Priests spend their lives praying for us, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding us closer to Christ. On World Priest Day, take time to pray for them, asking God to bless their ministry and grow their holiness as they continue to serve the Church with love and dedication. If you sense God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 14, 2026**

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* (Matthew 9:37) Jesus calls laborers to work in His abundant vineyard. Priests and religious men and women are called to serve God's people with dedication and joy. As members of the Church, we are invited to pray for an increase in holy vocations so that more may answer this call. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 21, 2026**

*"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."* (Matthew 10:31) Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help discerning your vocation, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 28, 2026**

*"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."* (Matthew 10:38) Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to in your life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 2026**

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28)

Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 12, 2026**

*"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."* (Matthew 13:23)

God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan. For more information contact the Office of Vocations, (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2026**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."* (Matthew 13:31)

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2026**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."* (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 2, 2026**

*"You give them something to eat."* (Matthew 14:16) Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2026**

*"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."* (Matthew 14:27) In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 16, 2026**

*"Woman, great is your faith!"* (Matthew 15:28) In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23, 2026**

*"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."* (Matthew 16:18) God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2026**

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* (Matthew 16:24) Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2026**

*"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."* (Matthew 18:15) Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email.

### **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2026**

*"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* (Matthew 18:35) Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2026**

*"The last will be first, and the first will be last."* (Matthew 20:16) God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live

generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2026**

#### ***Priesthood Sunday***

*"Which of the two did the will of his father?"* (Matthew 21:31) On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation. If you or someone you know feels called to consider the priesthood, reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2026**

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."* (Matthew 21:42) Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church. Seek out resources from the Office of Vocations, (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 11, 2026**

*"Many are invited, but few are chosen."* (Matthew 22:14) Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact the Office of Vocations, (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18, 2026**

*"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* (Matthew 22:21) While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2026**

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:37-39) Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **All Saints Day - November 1, 2026**

***National Vocation Awareness Week starts November 2nd***

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:3) The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026**

*"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."* (Matthew 25:13) Jesus calls us to be ready, attentive, and faithful to His invitation. Priesthood and consecrated life ask for hearts that remain vigilant, prepared to serve God and His people with generosity and love. Pray for guidance and clarity in discerning how He may be calling you to serve. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2026**

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."* (Matthew 25:21) How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Solemnity of Christ the King - November 22, 2026**

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40) Christ, the King of kings, calls us to serve Him through our care for others. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, is an opportunity to answer His call by loving and serving those in need. How is God inviting you to live out this service in your life, bringing Christ's mercy and compassion to the world? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).