



CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

PRIESTLY VOCATION

A vocation is an initiative of love from the heart of God who calls in a gentle and loving way and invites us to respond

in freedom. Discerning a vocation to the priesthood takes time, prayer, reflection, patience and attentiveness to God's action – undertaken with the assistance of others. It also takes courage to respond to the interior movements of the Holy Spirit.

There are some signs of a calling to the priesthood, for example:

- *I wish to give myself completely to God.*
- *I want to contemplate the Word of God and share it with others through preaching and teaching.*
- *I feel a certain sense of attraction to the priesthood. Sometimes I imagine myself being a priest, preaching and helping those in need.*
- *Thoughts of the priesthood have remained with me over a period of time.*
- *I have a love for prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.*
- *I experience a sense of joy and peace deep in my heart when I think about being a priest.*
- *I simply want to love like Jesus Christ.*

It is tempting to remain in our comfort zone, but deep down we know that remaining where life is secure and comfortable is not really living to our full potential. Men thrive and become who God made them to be when they take hold of an opportunity to be courageous, bold and heroic. Responding to a call to serve God as a priest is one of the gutsiest decisions a man could ever make. Yet in all this, he relies on a strength that is not his own. Through God's grace and the support of others, saying 'yes' to His invitation is possible.

Next weekend, January 18-19, a second collection will be taken to help our 16 seminarians who said "yes" to God's call. More information on this topic can be found in the brochures inserted into this bulletin. Also, you will find special envelopes provided for your convenience. Kindly **make your check payable to Our Lady of Good Counsel** and notate "**Seminary Collection**" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

Sat	Jan 11	5:00 PM	Nina Ricci Valdez +
Sun	Jan 12	8:30 AM	
		11:00 AM	Nuevo & Cecilia Talave (Thanksgiving Namasivayam Anandasakaran (BD) Isabelita Vallar & Family (Thanksgiving) Immanuel Manlangit + Malabanan Family + Prisciliano Gurrea + Gerry O'Brien +
		12:30	<i>Mass for Parishioners</i>
Mon	Jan 13		Linda Supelario (BD)
Tue	Jan 14		
Wed	Jan 15		
Thu	Jan 16		
Fri	Jan 17		Rene & Milagros Reyes (Wedding Anniv) Beth Garcia (BD)
Sat	Jan 18	5:00 PM	Bessie Redard + Paula Villafuerte (BD)
Sun	Jan 19	8:30 AM	
		11:00 AM	
		12:30	<i>Mass for Parishioners</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday:	St. Anthony
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begin



**The best time spent
is time spent in prayer**

**Join our OLGK Weekday Devotions
after 9AM Masses**

Tuesdays: **St. Anthony** / Wednesdays
Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursdays **St. Jude** / Fridays: **La Pieta** /
First Friday of the month **Sacred Heart of Jesus** **Divine Mercy Chaplet** In Song every First Friday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Church. **Healing Prayer in Scriptural Rosary**—Every Fourth Monday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Church.
Everyone is Welcome to join

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,828.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$868.00

Solemnity of Mother of God	\$1,537.00
Votive candles	227.00
Adoration Chapel	174.00
St. Anne (donation box)	28.00

DEC.28-29, 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,961.00**

Restricted donations for: (St. Vincent de Paul)
\$1,009.00

Gift Shop	849.50
Votive candles	155.00
Adoration Chapel	259.00
St. Anne (donation box)	4.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next Week's 2nd Collection: SEMINARY

SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367) January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living

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If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.

Name _____
Address _____
 Updating Parish Information

Phone _____
City _____ ZIP Code _____
 Send Sunday Envelopes

New Parishioner
 New Address
 Put on mailing list

Q. In 1 Timothy it says that Jesus is our sole mediator, yet we pray to Mary and the Saints. Is that going against the Bible?

A. No, it's not and let's see why not.

In the O.T. we see that Moses, Abraham, and Job interceded on behalf of others... that's mediating between God and man. We know that it is okay to ask others here on earth to pray and intercede for us.... that's mediating between God and man. So, I think, once again, we have a situation where a passage of the Bible is being **misinterpreted** and **misunderstood**.

There is only **one mediator** between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, but as members of the Body of Christ, He allows us to **share** in **His mediation**. Also, Scripture tells us that we have only one foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3:11); but, Scripture tells us that there is more than one foundation (Eph 2:19-20). Scripture tells us that we have only Lord, Jesus Christ (Eph 4:4-5); but, Scripture tells us there is more than one lord (Rev 19:16). Scripture tells us that we have only one Judge, Jesus Christ (James 4:12); but, Scripture tells us there is more than one judge (1 Cor 6:2).

Contradictions in Scripture? No! **Not when these passages are all properly understood in context**. Jesus **is** the only foundation; Jesus **is** the only Lord; and Jesus **is** the only Judge. But, we are members of Jesus' Body. Therefore, we are able, according to the graces given by Christ, to **share in** Jesus' role as foundation, as lord, and as judge, and in other aspects of Christ, as well. Another example, the priest share in God's role as Father, by His grace. And, so also, we, and the saints in Heaven, and the angels in Heaven, can share in Christ's role as Mediator.

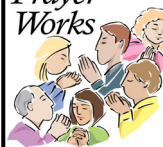


Catholic
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PEACE

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do. —Thomas à Kempis

Prayer Works



Virgilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Cesar & Ester Eugenio, Mercedes Go-Oco, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Romeo Camantigue, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Avelino Gapasin, Mark Litvinchuck, Willie Orpiano, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Pratima Prasad, Josephine Redard, Dan Sanchez, Maritess Sanchez, Ursula Santos, Jane Spivey, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.

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