



**15 JANUARY 2023**  
**VOCATION SUNDAY**



### **INTRODUCTION:**

Dear friends, at our Baptism, we are given a name by which we will always be known. Our basic identity is that, as Christians, we are disciples of Jesus. Let's ask God to help us live our vocation faithfully and let us today pray for the vocations to Priestly and Religious life.

<b>READINGS:</b>	Isa 49: 3, 5-6
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>	Ps 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
<b>SECOND READING:</b>	1Cor 1: 1-3
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Jn 1: 29-34

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:** Becoming aware of greatness of our Calling, let us set our gaze firmly on it, as we pray:

**RESPONSE: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for Pope Francis, the bishops, the clergy and the religious that set apart by God they may lead and guide the flock entrusted to their care. **R/**

Let us pray our civic and political authorities that they may realize their calling to be at the service of the citizens of our country. **R/**

Let us pray for all our married couples, that strengthened by the Eucharist, they may continue to witness to Christ by their marital love and family life. **R/**

Let us pray for all our Christian families, that they may become fertile ground to nurture Priestly and Religious vocations through fervent living of Christian virtues and values. **R/**

Let us pray for all our Seminarians and Novices who have responded to God's call to Priestly and Religious life that they may strive to be faithful to their calling in ways of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. **R/**

Let us pray for our Youth and Children, that they may heed the Call of God, hearkening them to Priestly and Religious life. **R/**

### **CELEBRANT:**

Lord Our God, we thank you for the gift of Vocation, beginning with our Baptismal calling. Strengthen us to be faithful to our calling in every state of life, so that we may happily bear witness to your Son Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.