



19 January 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – C



Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ welcome to this special celebration of **Vocation Sunday**. Today, as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are called to reflect on the many ways God calls us to live our lives in service to Him and to one another. Every one of us is called—whether to the married life, to single life, to religious life, or to the priesthood. Each vocation is a unique response to God's love, and each is essential to the mission of the Church. On this **Vocation Sunday**, we especially remember those who are discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life. We pray for them, that they may be open to God's plan for their lives and have the courage to say "yes" to His invitation. We stand and welcome our celebrant Fr _____ as we sing the entrance hymn.

Readings:

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
Psalm: Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7- 8a, 9-10a&10c
Second Reading: 1Cor:12:4-11
Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us now bring our prayers and petitions before God, who calls each of us to follow Him in different ways, and trust that He will answer our prayers according to His will.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Francis our Pope, Oswald our Bishop and all those in authority, that they may lead the Church to continue to be a beacon of light, inviting all people to discover and live their unique vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, that they may be open to the voice of God, trust in His guidance, and courageously say "yes" to His call, we pray to the Lord.

For single men and women, that they may be faithful to God's call in their lives and find joy and purpose in their service to others and to the Church, we pray to the Lord.

For parents, that they may be open to nurturing vocations in their children, supporting them in their discernment, and fostering an environment of faith and prayer, we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many ways you call us to follow you. We entrust to your loving care all those discerning their vocations and ask that You guide and strengthen them in their journey. We offer these prayers through Christ our Lord.

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