



18 January 2026
**VOCATION SUNDAY AND LAITY
SUNDAY**



Introduction:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to this Eucharistic celebration. Today we observe **Vocation Sunday**. The word “vocation” comes from the Latin *vocare*, meaning “to call.” God, who created us out of love, continues to call each person to love and to serve, for every human life has a God-given vocation. Every vocation is a unique response to God’s love and is vital to the mission of the Church. Today we pray especially for those discerning a call to the priesthood and religious life, that they may remain faithful and courageous. We also celebrate **Laity Sunday** focusing on deep, responsive love and discipleship within the community.

First Reading: Is 49: 3, 5- 6
Psalm: Ps 40: 2 & 4ab,7-8a, 8b-9,10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 1-3
Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, from our very conception, you have destined us for eternal beatitude. Help us to discern Your call in our lives as we bring our petitions before You.

Response: Lord, listen to your people praying (to be sung)

For Leo our Pope, John our Bishop and all those in authority, that as true shepherds, they may guide and direct their flock in discerning and living out their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

For World leaders and those in authority, that guided by divine wisdom, their decisions and policies help each individual fulfil their state of life, we pray to the Lord.

For Vocation promoters, that they make take their role sincerely, by praying for young people and being available to listen, encourage them in their discernment journey, we pray to the Lord.

For Parents and family members, that they pray for vocations to religious and consecrated lives and they willingly offer their children to service of the Lord and his people, we pray to the Lord.

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, that the courageously and generously respond saying “Behold, I come Lord to do your will”, we pray to the Lord.

For the laity, that every lay member of the Church may recognise their mission of proclaiming the Gospel in words and deeds wherever they are, we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank You because we know that in Your Holy Will, You have already answered our prayers. Help us to persevere in our prayers for Vocations. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**