

Introduction:

Our liturgy today reminds us that, even when our faith wavers, God's faithfulness never does. He comes to us in the midst of life's storms, strengthens us when we are weak, and gently invites us to place our trust in Him once again. As we celebrate today, the Feast of St John Marie Vianney, the Patron of Priests, we thank God for the gift of our priests, who help us encounter Christ and encourage us to remain steadfast in faith. As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, we ask pardon for the times we have allowed life's overwhelming experiences of fear, uncertainty, disappointment, or suffering to overcome our faith.

Readings:

First Reading	: 1 Kings 10:9a, 11-13a
Responsorial Psalm	: Psalm 85: 9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Second Reading	: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel	: Matthew 14:22-33

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Trusting in the Lord who is always faithful to His promises and never abandons those who call upon Him, we present our prayers to our loving Father.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

- For Pope Leo, our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and all who serve the Church: that, strengthened by God's faithful love, they may continue to lead His people with courage, wisdom, and hope, especially in times of uncertainty, we pray to the Lord
- For all Priests: that, like St John Marie Vianney, they may remain steadfast in faith, generous in charity, and faithful shepherds after the heart of Christ, also inspiring young men and women to respond generously to God's call to the Priesthood and Religious life, we pray to the Lord
- For the leaders of our country and of all nations: that they may listen attentively to the legitimate hopes and concerns of the people they serve, and enact laws and policies that uphold justice, foster peace, protect human dignity, and promote the well-being of all, we pray to the Lord
- For those who are sick, lonely, anxious, or burdened by suffering: that, amid the storms of life, they may experience the Lord's comforting presence, find strength in His unfailing love, and receive the care and support they need, we pray to the Lord
- For our parish community: that, keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, we may remain steadfast in faith, trusting Him in every circumstance and witnessing to His love by the way we live each day, we pray to the Lord
- In silence we bring to the Lord our own needs and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers, (pause in silence) ... we pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Eternal Father, you are ever faithful to those who place their trust in You. Hear the prayers we have offered with confidence, and in Your loving providence grant what is for our good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.