**Vocations View**

**CYCLE A**

**ADVENT**

**First Sunday of Advent**

In our material-minded neighborhoods, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah says: “The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord.” Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and whom are you teaching today?

**Third Sunday of Advent**

As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Vocation from God are not always clear. Not all of us are as lucky as Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: “Take Mary as your wife, and fear not.”

**CHRISTMAS TIME**

**Christmas Day**

Vocations are born in the family. The priests and sisters of tomorrow are being born in our local hospitals and playing in our snow forts.

**Holy Family**

**New Year’s Day**

**Epiphany**

**LENT**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Lent is a season of renewal, the springtime of spiritual growth. These forty days invite us to examine our lives and strive for our true calling.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin an new nation. There=s no telling what we can become by responding to God’s invitation to us.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Only our God can give water fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our souls cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and spirit of Baptism.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

If we can’t see where we are going, we’ll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Seeing those who have died return to life is not a common event. But, as believers, if we are serious about our vocations, we are eager to help the down and out find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Today’s world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

**EASTER TIME**

**Easter Sunday**

Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. Come, follow Christ and have for yourself a new life too.

**Second Sunday of Easter**

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: “We have seen the lord.” With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure, you too can inspire belief in those who have not seen.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

We can feel the Lord’s call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, “Lord, what will you have me do?”

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray to the God of the harvest to send more laborers into the fields.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The ministry of a Deacon is mentioned in today’s Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of His people today.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God’s work is our Love. Follow God’s call.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Never ask as child, “What are you going to be when you grow up?” Ask, “How do you want to serve others when you grow up?”

**Pentecost Sunday**

**First Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Trinity Sunday**

**Body and Blood of Christ**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**First Sunday / Baptism of our Lord**

Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our vocation.

**Second Sunday**

Isaiah’s vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighborhoods today need missionaries - lay, clergy, and religious. Listen to the call.

**Third Sunday**

Jesus said: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. Today he could say: AI will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts; counselors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society. But regardless, come.

**Fourth Sunday**

A child’s handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to the mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

**Fifth Sunday**

Jesus speaks on vocations: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.

**Sixth Sunday**

Today the choice is yours: fire or water, life or death. Stand up straight, Christian, your God has chosen you to live the better life.

**Seventh Sunday**

As a contrast to people declaring war, condemning and holding grudges, we need people speaking of peace, being less judgmental and offering forgiveness. Follow Jesus.

**Eighth Sunday**

Does it strike you as out of balance that there are more people in shopping centers on Sundays than in our churches? Help put God back into Sunday!

**Ninth Sunday**

We listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if we do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. (Paul VI)

**Tenth Sunday**

**11th Sunday**

**12th Sunday**

**13th Sunday**

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. We are invited to consider setting our sights on God=s call to commitment in our lives.

**14th Sunday**

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in our God can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

**15th Sunday**

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

**16th Sunday**

There are many weeds growing with the wheat of our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing clearly God’s voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

**17th Sunday**

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift; possessing it is our vocation.

**18th Sunday**

If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

**19th Sunday**

Why is it that we lack real trust when God calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or that we might fail. Facing our fears can help to strengthen our trust and faith in God.

**20th Sunday**

It’s so easy to shove people out of our lives. But God knows no boundaries or races or colors. Come forward and tell the Good News that we are all God’s people!

**21st Sunday**

Some people fear people in authority. Authority can be used rightly or wrongly. Christians are called to see power as service. We shall be judged on love.

**22nd Sunday**

Don’t run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less traveled road. “What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?”

**23rd Sunday**

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus’ stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

**24th Sunday**

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Stand up today for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

**25th Sunday**

We can never be called generous. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to Him all the talents He has entrusted to us.

**26th Sunday**

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God’s call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfills us.

**27th Sunday**

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does his job. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

**28th Sunday**

Once we have been grasped by the beauty of God’s promised reward, we want to go out to the highways and byways to invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? This Vocations Awareness Week is a good time to begin.

**29th Sunday**

We cannot select a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God’s, and then live as though everything depends on God.

**30th Sunday**

We must stop just putting band aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are all God’s people. God loves us and we are created to serve God and others.

**31st Sunday**

“Credibility” becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.

**32nd Sunday**

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

**33rd Sunday**

Don’t just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life, then live it to the full. God calls you to the happiest of all possible lives.

**RELIGIOUS FEAST DAYS**

**Christ the King**

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of His Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

**CYCLE B**

**ADVENT**

**First Sunday of Advent**

It’s Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of Dreams Come True. Be on Guard. God may be calling you.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

The cry of the people: “Lord, let us see your kindness.” Who will prepare the way of Jesus coming to us today?

**Third Sunday of Advent**

There was a man named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today?

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honor, helps to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”

**CHRISTMAS TIME**

**Christmas**

Christmas, a Dream come true! God comes to dwell among the people. Before the Second Coming of Jesus, the world needs people like you to continue His work. Are you ready?

**Holy Family**

The Old Law said that every first-born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, brother, sister or deacon in your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation!

**Mary, Mother of God**

**Epiphany**

Even gift-bearing kings accompanied by camels and servants went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

**LENT**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Lent: the springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look as Abraham and Sarah - - called in old age to leave their country, and have a child.. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be priest, sister, brother or deacon, is taking a great risk!

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what he had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jesus told Nicodemos that when we find our calling in life, we are reborn. We really become a new person, fired with a new love, aimed in a new direction with purpose and love. Listen to Jesus’ voice. Let Jesus challenge you.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends.”

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Blessed are those that come in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their lives in the name of the Lord.

**EASTER TIME**

**Easter Sunday**

Fads, organics and supersonics are just fine, but in the long run, settle only for something that rises from the dead. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the message of Jesus. Come, tell His story.

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Easter: resurrection and new life; a new life, shared from a conquered tomb. This has been the meaning for life for Christian people for thousands of years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come, tell the story.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

What would convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sins? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life? How could you convince someone to turn to God?

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well. Leaders that will unselfishly care for the needs of God=s people. Please, pray for Vocations.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

There are more than 400 different Christian denominations in the United States. Who can explain the one love the one God has for all people? We need faith-filled, creative, spirited people to call the world to unity. How about you?

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

The greatest love story that ever happened: God=s continuing love for His people. All God asks is: Love one another as I have loved you. The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. We can be an example of this love. Are you willing?

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

The First Reading today tells of the Apostles filling the vacancy made by the absence of Judas. Each generation must find its own successors to spread the Word of God. To the next generation. Jesus prays: “Father, as you have sent me into the world so I have sent them into the world.” Perhaps it is you who will fill a vacancy.

**Pentecost Sunday**

From womb and to the tomb we are aware that we are dependent on others. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us during all the days of our lives. This is another great story that needs to be told to those that are searching for meaning in their lives. You can do it, with the help of the Spirit!

**First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Trinity Sunday**

God the Father, Creator. God the Son, Redeemer. God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to make disciples of all nations we have a lot to tell. God is present everywhere. Tell the story.

**Body & Blood of Christ**

**Baptism of our Lord**

**1st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

As human beings we are given to human failings. Yet, Jesus calls each of us to greatness within the realm of our gifts. Maybe you are being called to do His work as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. Will you serve?

**Second Sunday**

A good Vocation Prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old until we are ninety years old, is found in today’s First Scripture Reading: “Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.” Just try it with sincerity starting today.

**Third Sunday**

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, “Come, follow me.” How old are you now?

**Fourth Sunday**

If you do respond to a religious vocation, do not be afraid that you will not know what to say. The Lord promised that He would put His words into your mouth. But you must be open to His speaking to and through you.

**Fifth Sunday**

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind - - there is nothing to it. Sorrow and sadness strike many people; only those who have been afflicted, who know sorrow themselves, are poor enough to minister to others.

**Sixth Sunday**

Today’s Gospel says that: “Jesus was moved with pity,” when He saw a leper. Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcast of today’s society? Who will come forward to minister as Christ did today?

**Seventh Sunday**

In today’s Gospel, people have difficulty believing that Jesus can forgive sins. People have trouble today believing that human beings can forgive sins. But sins do cry out for forgiveness. Are you capable of forgiving?

**Eighth Sunday**

**Ninth Sunday**

**Tenth Sunday**

There definitely is evil in this world. We are surrounded by constant reminders that all is not well in our cities, our schools, our government, our environment. Each of us must use the best means to bring about love in the world. Are you part of the problem or part of the solution? Choose love!

**11th Sunday**

A vocation is like a mustard seed which, when planted in the heart, is just like a childhood dream. Yet once we begin to believe that God is calling us, we begin to blossom into the dream of a life time. People will want to live in the shade of our loving response.

**12th Sunday**

Wealth does not buy happiness; but neither does poverty. Depending upon the Lord can give us true security and happiness. We are looking for people to proclaim that even the wind and sea obey this man who brings calmness to life and direction to living.

**13th Sunday**

Life can remind us of life eternal; death can remind us of death eternal. Each day we must choose to live or die, physically or spiritually. What we do daily either builds us up or tears us down. Pray for proclaimers of life!

**14th Sunday**

Yes, absolutely, we should stand up for what we believe in. No, positively, we will not always succeed. Yes, certainly, it is more important to try than to succeed. No, Jesus did not look successful on the cross. Yes, you could give it a TRY!

**15th Sunday**

In today’s first reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is

**16th Sunday**

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry Jesus asked them to “Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place.” Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God’s voice in an out-of-the-way place.

**17th Sunday**

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We, too, must trust in the Lord. Pray for the hungry; pray for vocations.

**18th Sunday**

What a promise! Jesus promises: “No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall thirst again.” Just what the world needs. Who will spend a life-time telling others of this promise? (And the many other promises as well.)

**19th Sunday**

The Divine Presence is often symbolized in the use of bread, wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. Each of us must be a sign/symbol of God’s presence. Why don’t you give it a try?

**20th Sunday**

The Gospel asks for us: “How can Jesus give us His flesh to eat?” Our lack of knowledge does not prevent us from being lured into the mystery. The mystery makes it all the more appealing. “Do this is memory of me.” So, do it!

**21st Sunday**

Jesus teaches us to live optimistically. If it weren’t for the peak experiences of love, the small and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could despair. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. Pray for your vocation.

**22nd Sunday**

As each new school year begins, new knowledge is handed on to the next generation. Customs accumulate over the years which sometimes get confused with real values. Who can speak clearly and freshly God’s central commandment: Love thy neighbors as thyself?

**23rd Sunday**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too.

**24th Sunday**

We do not advertise an easy life. Jesus said: “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your self, take up your cross, and follow in my steps.” Pray for the gift of being able to accept your vocation.

**25th Sunday**

Sociologists report that only 10% of people are interested in serving others consistently. So when Jesus says, “If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all,” many people would immediately turn and walk away. Are you going to serve as Jesus did?

**26th Sunday**

Some people do not respond to God’s call because they feel they are not worthy to do God’s work. And they’re not; nobody is. But still, God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God’s call.

**27th Sunday**

Matrimony - a beautiful vocation, so misused today. Celibacy, a beautiful gift, so misunderstood today. Whether we do God’s work in pairs or as single persons, or in a community, we do God’s work because he calls.

**28th Sunday**

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader - - total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise: “You will then have treasure in heaven.” Come, follow the leaders’ Leader.

**29th Sunday**

Jesus’ life was the best “Job Description”: sympathy, mercy, service, compassion, total giving. Life is so rewarding when one really lives for others, rather than just trying to make all people serve the self. Do you want to serve or be served.

**30th Sunday**

Half of our life, we try to break away from home; the other half, we try to come home again. The values we are blind in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision. We know the feeling of being chosen, being loved. Follow the way of Jesus.

**31st Sunday**

The year is quickly ending. Years, like our lives, go by too quickly. Do you know yet that the purpose of life is to love God above all, and love your neighbor as yourself? Tell others before it is too late.

**32nd Sunday**

Honest, dedicated people. Jesus us looking for a few honest, dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response in His call to service. Give what you’ve got when you’re called.

**33rd Sunday**

The most beautiful sight of all: at the moment of one’s death to be immediately present with God. Let the angels sing, the saints applaud, let the heavens rejoice. Another person has fulfilled the vocation to be one with God forever. What can you do to help more people find eternal happiness?

**RELIGIOUS FEAST DAYS**

**Transfiguration**

**Christ the King**

To some Camero is King; to other JBL; still others favor cocaine or cola. In the long run, Christ the King, Creator and Comforter. We’re asking for a few good leaders who will give their lives in service to Christ the King. Who are the priests, sisters, brothers and deacons of tomorrow? You?

**Ascension**

**The Assumption**

**Cycle C**

**ADVENT**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Make your decisions to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until one of these days becomes none of these days. Follow now.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear him a straight path? Good, O prayed you would.

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Have you ever asked: What ought I do? Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Can you honestly pray: I have come to do your will, God? Blessed are you who trust that the God’s words to you will be fulfilled.

**CHRISTMAS TIME**

**Christmas**

Christmas comes but once a year, but you can be Christ to others the remaining 364 days. In fact, He is counting on you.

**Holy Family**

Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.

**New Year’s Day**

**Epiphany**

Many adults never grow up. They continue to search across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life.

**Baptism of our Lord**

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptizing others in the Holy Spirit and fire. “You are my beloved child,” says the Lord!

**LENT**

**First Sunday of Lent**

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given then when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

**Second Sunday of Lent**

After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up on the mountain. But Jesus said “Move,” with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbors, but not meant to stay in port.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Each Lent should bring us closer to God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. Jesus accepts you as you are!

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jesus came to forgive. We all stumble and fall. Are you able to forgive as Jesus did?

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God’s great love for us?

**EASTER TIME**

**Easter Sunday**

We’re no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead and promises new life. Let us rejoice in the promise.

**Second Sunday of Easter**

You’ve got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars. It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and great love!

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God’s Son. And tell the world what you hear!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a priest, Deacon, Sister or Brother. Pray!

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus’ one law of “love one another”? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Our Spiritual Life is a Journey - following the call of Jesus to “Come, Follow Me.” Say “Yes” over and over again.

**Pentecost Sunday**

Like sun through a stained glass window, the Spirit of God can shine in your life to call forward the best in others. Come, follow Him.

**Trinity Sunday**

Human beings establish lasting loving bonds. But the Trinity shows us perfect love: you, God and neighbor. There’s nothing greater than love.

**Body & Blood of Christ**

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**ORDINARY TIME**

**First Sunday**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

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**Eighth Sunday**

**Ninth Sunday**

**Tenth Sunday**

Did you do enough convening during all this Lenten - Easter Season to be serious about following Jesus? Like the Dead Man, “I bid you, get up!”

**11th Sunday**

Never let the sun set upon your anger. If you are to forgive, follow THE model for forgiveness, Jesus the Lord.

**12th Sunday**

Jesus offers the most honest job description: “whoever wishes to be my follower must deny self, take up the cross daily, and follow in my steps.”

**13th Sunday**

Can you imagine Jesus facing His fate in the Garden of Gethsemane deciding that he wouldn’t go through with what was to come? To be called means to persevere.

**14th Sunday**

Jesus says: “The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to the harvest.” Pray for vocations.

**15th Sunday**

Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether born as a Good Samaritan, mother, priest, sister, deacon or brother.

**16th Sunday**

How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. Sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus and to listen.

**17th Sunday**

God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray, to ask and to discern.

**18th Sunday**

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things that are not of the earth. God is everything: the only thing.

**19th Sunday**

Where is your treasure? Where is your heart? Have you considered that God’s will is your treasure for you? Come, follow Him.

**20th Sunday**

Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on this earth. His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.

**21st Sunday**

Often Jesus followers are leaders. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to learn how to be a good and loving leader.

**22nd Sunday**

Jesus keeps saying, “Let go. Come, follow me.” If your pride is holding you back, or if you=re looking for exaltation, let go. Follow Jesus!

**23rd Sunday**

Jesus says clearly; “Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

**24th Sunday**

We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

**25th Sunday**

Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power or to attend to the needs of others?

**26th Sunday**

Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead. Live, in order to convince of resurrection and life.

**27th Sunday**

Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

**28th Sunday**

If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart. Is your faith and heart open to Jesus’ call?

**29th Sunday**

Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you his will. When you ask, be sure to be ready to do it.

**30th Sunday**

If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God’s voice. Doing God’s will is all you need to do.

**31st Sunday**

Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

**32nd Sunday**

As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

**33rd Sunday**

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be rubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

**RELIGIOUS FEAST DAYS**

**Transfiguration**

**Christ the King**

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honor, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim His Good News? It must be YOU!