

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs for the Feast of the Holy Trinity (June 7th) through the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 30th)

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is a central mystery of our faith. We are daughters and sons of “Abba, Father”, led by the Spirit to be heirs with Christ, the Son. As heirs with Christ we are commissioned to “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations.” Our local Church needs faithful ministers to help bring others to Christ. God calls ordinary people – like us – to accomplish this extraordinary task, as priests, religious, deacons and dedicated lay ministers for the Church. Is God calling YOU in this way? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gathered his disciples for the Passover meal. He took bread and wine and offered it to them saying, “This is my body,” and “This is my blood.” With those words, Christ instituted the Eucharist that still nourishes us today. With his instruction to, “Do this in memory of me,” Christ ordained the first priests and entrusted them with the Sacred Eucharist. On the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination Pope John Paul II said, “There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.” Let us all pray that gifted and faithful men will continue to respond to God’s call to priesthood, so that we may all continue to be nourished by Christ’s Body and Blood. If you think God may be whispering ‘priesthood’ to you and you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus and the disciples were together in a boat when the Gospel tells us, “a violent squall came up.” The disciples were afraid and woke Jesus who said to them, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” Many of our priests and religious will tell you that they were terrified when they first felt God might be calling them to a religious vocation. Many thought, “You can’t mean me, Lord.” Yet, they put their faith in a loving God who never leads us astray and found their hearts’ desire. If you think God could be calling you to consider ordained or religious life, remember Pope John Paul II’s words, “**Do not be afraid.**” Would you like to talk about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid; just have faith.” In today’s Gospel, the woman suffering from hemorrhages and Jairus, whose daughter lay dying, were both rewarded by Jesus for their extreme faith. God wants us, too, to live our faith in an extreme way. We can do that as married couples and parents, as dedicated single people, and in the ordained and religious life. How is God calling you to live your extreme faith? **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet” (Ezekiel 2:2) Are you confused about the direction your life is taking? Do you find yourself afraid to take the next steps regarding school, work, or possibly a vocation (life commitment)? God **promises** to lead us to the path meant for us and then to **give us** the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to follow that path. Trust in our loving God who says, “My grace is sufficient for you.”

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s first reading, Amos tells the priest of Bethel that he did not choose to be a prophet, but was chosen by God. God chooses each of us, according to our gifts, to contribute in a particular way to building up God’s Kingdom. Sometimes, God chooses men and women to do that by way of the ordained and religious life. Not all of us are called in that way, but every once in a while God instills that unique love into a heart. Have you ever thought that God may be whispering to you to consider becoming a priest, sister, brother, or deacon? Would you like to talk with someone about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the apostles to, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” That’s what Jesus often did when he needed to be with his Father. We need to do that, too, if we want to truly hear God speaking to us. We need to allow ourselves sufficient quiet time to just be with God. That is how we build that intimate relationship with God that will be our compass in life. It is a challenge in this busy world, but a worthwhile one that will help us discover God’s will for us.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In both the Old Testament reading and the Gospel today, we see how God always provides what we need. We also see that, if we are willing to share our gifts, God will multiply them and make them even more valuable. What are your special gifts and how is God asking you to share them with the Church? Our local Church needs your gifts. Have you ever considered using them in a life of service as a priest, deacon or dedicated lay minister? Would you like to speak to someone? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus came to bring us "the food that endures for eternal life." Jesus also ordained the apostles as the first priests of his new Church and the ones who would be the means of providing that nourishment for the future Church. It is equally important today that our Church has priests to celebrate the Eucharist, through which we receive the Bread of Life. Have you ever thought that **you** might be able to fulfill that important ministry? Consider the gifts God has given you. Are they gifts we need in our priests today? Would you like to talk it over with someone? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul reminds us to be imitators of God. Each of us needs to be a living sign of God's presence within us. Whether single or married, ordained, lay, or vowed religious, our vocations should reflect God's love for us.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from St. Paul says, "Watch carefully how you live" and "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." That's good advice for all of us, but how do we begin to know God's will? It starts with an intimate relationship with our loving Father, nurtured through prayer and the Eucharist. Within this relationship, God promises to reveal to each of us the unique plan for our happiness...the plan that best utilizes the gifts we have been given. If you think God's plan for you might be one of service to the Church, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua said to the people, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." We serve the Lord by serving one another – family, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, strangers in need – in the big and small moments of our lives. Jesus said that whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we also do for him.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our second reading today reminds us that "All good giving and every perfect gift, every genuine benefit comes from God." God's generosity to us should prompt a response of gratitude and that gratitude should underlie everything we do as Christians. One wonderful way to show our gratitude is through a vocation in service to God's Church, as a lay ecclesial minister, priest, deacon or religious sister or brother. Would you like to know more? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**