

# **Vocation Bulletin Blurbs**

**First Sunday of Advent 2024 to Feast of Christ the King 2025  
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**Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocation Promoter**

## **First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024**

*"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."* (Luke 21:36)

God calls us to be watchful and alert to His voice. Is He calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Be open and vigilant in prayer and talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* (Luke 3:4)

John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - December 15, 2024**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always."* (Philippians 4:4)

Are you filled with joy at the Lord's invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024**

*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Luke 1:45)

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Christmas - December 25, 2024**

*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."* (John 1:14)

The birth of Jesus calls us to consider how we can bring His presence into the world. Could He be calling you to a vocation that brings the light of Christ to others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024**

*"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* (Luke 2:49)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2025**

*"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* (Luke 2:19)

As Mary reflected on God's plans, we too are invited to discern His will for our own life. Ask Him to place His desire for your vocation on your heart. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025**

*"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

(Matthew 2:11)

What gift can you offer Christ? If He is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025**

*"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased."* (Luke 3:22)

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2025**

*"Do whatever He tells you."* (John 2:5)

At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, blessing the union of a married couple. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and like the servants at the wedding, we are called to listen to Christ's guidance in our marriages. Take time to pray together and invite Christ into your marriage, trusting in His power to strengthen your bond.

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."* (Luke 4:18)

Are you being called to share Christ's message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025**

### ***World Day for Consecrated Life***

*"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)*

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025**

### ***World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week***

*"They left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:11)*

As we celebrate **World Marriage Day**, we honor the beauty and commitment of married couples who follow Christ together. Just as the apostles left behind their former lives to follow Jesus, couples are called to embrace their vocation of marriage with faith and trust, journeying together toward holiness. Take this opportunity to renew your marriage vows in your heart.

*"They left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:11)*

When Jesus called His first disciples, they responded by leaving everything behind to follow Him. Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in our own way—some as priests or religious brothers and sisters, dedicating their lives fully to His mission. Are you hearing His call to “Come, follow me”? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2025**

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:20)*

A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025**

*"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)*

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2, 2025**

*"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" (Luke 6:41)*

Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025**

*"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Matthew 6:6)*

Ash Wednesday invites us to reflect on our relationship with God and the call to deeper discipleship. How might you be called to serve others during this time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Consider how your actions can lead you closer to Christ and open your heart to a vocation that reflects His love. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025**

*"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)*

This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday of Lent - March 16, 2025**

*"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)*

In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025**

*"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:7-9)*

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025**

*While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)*

Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025**

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)*

Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 13, 2025**

*"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)*

Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025**

*"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)*

On this Holy Thursday, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and the example of Christ's servant leadership. Just as Jesus humbly washed the feet of His disciples, He calls each of us to a life of service and love. Is God inviting you to embody a spirit of service through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Reflect on how you can bring Christ's love to others in your daily life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Good Friday - April 18, 2025**

*"He bowed His head and gave up His spirit." (John 19:30)*

We remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation. His willingness to suffer and die for us invites us to reflect on the nature of true love and commitment. How is God calling you to respond to this love? Perhaps you are being invited to lay down your life in service to others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025**

*"He is not here; He has been raised."* (Luke 24:6)

The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - April 27, 2025**

***Uplift your Priest starts April 28th***

*"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19)

If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Third Sunday of Easter - May 4, 2025**

*"It is the Lord!"* (John 21:7)

Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org) for guidance.

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 11, 2025**

***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27)

Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another."* (John 13:34)

Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2025**

*"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* (John 14:26)

How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 2025**

*"You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."* (Luke 24:48-49)

Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work within the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Pentecost Sunday - June 8, 2025**

*"Receive the Holy Spirit."* (John 20:22)

As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with power, so too can He fill you with the strength to answer a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Be open to His prompting. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **The Most Holy Trinity - June 15, 2025**

*"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 16:15)

The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God's life and love. How is God calling you to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading you toward the sacred union of holy matrimony.

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - June 22, 2025**

***World Priest Day aka World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests – June 27th***

*"He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured."* (Luke 9:11b)

Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 29, 2025**

*"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."* (Matthew 16:18)

Sometimes God speaks to us very clearly, other times it is a little more difficult to understand what God is asking of us. Maybe you feel like Peter, God is calling you to something greater than yourself, but we don't fully understand what He is asking of us. Now would be a great time to talk to your priest to better learn how to hear God's voice and discern His purpose for your life. Reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2025**

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* (Luke 10:2)

God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference! Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13, 2025**

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* (Luke 10:27)

Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025**

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."* (Luke 10:41-42)

Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2025**

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* (Luke 11:9)

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer. *Lord I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.* Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025**

*"Take care to guard against all greed."* (Luke 12:15)

In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10, 2025**

*"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* (Luke 12:40)

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the



priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2025**

*"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" (Luke 1:30)*

Just as Mary said "yes" to God's plan, we are invited to reflect on how we, too, might respond to His call in our lives. Are you being invited to consider a vocation that mirrors her example? Open your heart to God's call and explore the ways you can serve His Church. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025**

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)*

Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.

### **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025**

*"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)*

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2025**

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)*

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025**

*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)*

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2025**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2025**

*"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon."* (Luke 16:13)

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28, 2025**

#### ***Priesthood Sunday***

*"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."* (Luke 16:31)

This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 2025**

*"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."* (Luke 17:6)

God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 2025**

#### ***Deacon Sunday***

*"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;"* (Luke 17:15)

Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring

Christ's healing love to others through service. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 2025**

*"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"* (Luke 18:8)

Priests and religious brothers and sisters help to keep faith alive in the world. Could God be calling you to be one of these dedicated servants? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 2025**

*"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* (Luke 18:14)

Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God what His plan is for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **All Saints Day - November 1, 2025**

*"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."* (Matthew 5:12)

The lives of the saints inspire us to holiness. Could God be calling you to a path of sanctity through the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) - November 2, 2025**

#### ***National Vocation Awareness Week***

*"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."* (John 6:40)

As we celebrate All Souls' Day and begin National Vocation Awareness Week, pray for the souls of the departed and more holy vocations. Reflect on whether Christ may be calling you to guide and shepherd the living as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - November 9, 2025**

*"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."* (John 2:19)

The Church needs those who are willing to dedicate their lives to nurturing the Body of Christ. Are you being called to help build up the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16, 2025**

#### ***World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21st***

*"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."* (Luke 21:19)

Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you

to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

**Solemnity of Christ the King - November 23, 2025**

*"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* (Luke 23:42)

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).