



Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

**First Sunday of Advent 2023 to Feast of Christ the King 2024
Cycle B**

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocations Committee

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2023

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or religious is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 10, 2023

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path.” Could God be calling you to be a herald of the Gospel like John the Baptist? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 17, 2023

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.” God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated religious life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2023

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Christmas -- December 25, 2023

“The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Feast of the Holy Family -- December 31, 2023

“By faith Abraham obeyed.” If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

The Epiphany -- January 7, 2024

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.” Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 14, 2024

Samuel learns to hear the voice of the Lord, responding, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” Are you wondering how to respond to God’s call? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 21, 2024

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Is the Lord calling upon you to cast a wider net with a vocation as to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024

“Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.” Do you think the the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 4, 2024 - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

“Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 11, 2024

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Your vocation is to give glory to God through your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2024

“Christ suffered for sins once for all.” Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2024

“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 3, 2024

“We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God.” Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 10, 2024

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2024

“He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him” The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 24, 2024

“Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seek to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.” Are you being called to proclaim the life of the resurrected Christ to the world? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Second Sunday of Easter -- April 7, 2024 - Divine Mercy Sunday

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” If you are considering a to be a priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Third Sunday of Easter -- April 14, 2024

“Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments.” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- April 28, 2024

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 5, 2024

“God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 12, 2024 - Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day

“And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.” If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Pentecost Sunday -- May 19, 2024

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

The Most Holy Trinity -- May 26, 2024

“We suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.” How are you being called to glorify the Lord in response to His love? Could God be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 2, 2024 [Corpus Christi]

“This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.” Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 9, 2024

“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Have I opened myself to God's will for me? If it might be as a priest, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 16, 2024

“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.” Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation within you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 23, 2024

“Do not be afraid; just have faith.” There is nothing to be afraid of in following Christ. Could he be calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2024

Jesus became poor to enrich us all. Is He calling you to share your riches with others as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 7, 2024

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 14, 2024

“Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ.” Are you discerning the vocation that God has chosen for you in Christ? Might it be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 21, 2024

“He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Will you respond to the needs of Christ’s sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 28, 2024

“Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness.” Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 4, 2024

“Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life.” Are you being chosen to help feed and give life to the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 11, 2024

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 18, 2024

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; ...” Are you discerning a vocation to proclaim the greatness of the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 25, 2024

“Choose this day whom you will serve.” Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 1, 2024

“Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 8, 2024

“Be strong, do not fear!” With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 15, 2024

“Who do you say that I am?” The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Are you called to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 22, 2024

“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ’s choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 29, 2024

“Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets ...” All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to Him in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 6, 2024

“Let the little children come to me; ...” Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 13, 2024

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, trust in his grace to respond with a joyful “yes,” and consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 20, 2024

“Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 27, 2024

“What do you want Me to do you for you?” What do you ask of the Lord? If you are looking for clarity in your vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 3, 2024 – National Vocations Awareness Week

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Are you being called to a life of service as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 10, 2024

“Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had.” Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 17, 2024

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” On this closing weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week, how is God calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 24, 2024

“My kingdom is not from this world.” Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.