

*O loving and gracious God, Father of all,
you bless your people in every time
and season and provide for their needs
through your providential care.
Your Church is continually in need of priests,
sisters and brothers to offer themselves
in the service of the gospel
by lives of dedicated love.
Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to
listen to your call in their lives.
Give them the gift of understanding
to discern your invitation to serve you
and your Church. Give them the gift
of courage to follow your call.
May they have the spirit of young Samuel who
found fulfillment in his life when
he said to you, "Speak Lord,
for your servant is listening."
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Thank you for calling [name] to discern his call
to your holy priesthood. Bless him with
fidelity while he studies Your Word and the
teachings of the Church. Give him the grace to
grow closer to You with an openness to the
challenges and gifts of the formation
experience. Grant him the humility to
unselfishly serve others and give him a
generous heart to follow in Your Son's
footsteps. May his devotion to Our Blessed
Mother, Queen of Vocations, strengthen him
to be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer. Send your Holy Spirit
to give him the courage to embrace his
vocation and the zeal to always follow You
with joy. May he feel support and
encouragement as he discerns the path You
have laid out for him. Protect and strengthen
all seminarians, priests, deacons, brothers,
and religious sisters. Help all Christians
become better disciples, and when our earthly
pilgrimage is complete, bring us to the joy of
your Kingdom. Amen.*

During past Lenten seasons, Little Flower parishioners have prayed each day for a specific seminarian discerning a call to the priesthood in our Archdiocese. We send a card to each man with the specific date we are sending prayers for his vocation. Here are some comments from the many grateful replies we received:

"I know how powerful your prayers are in obtaining grace for my brothers and me as we're being formed to be priests, especially through the intercession of St. Therese!"

"Thank you for your support of my vocation, especially of course for your prayers. It is a blessing to know I am not alone on my way but that God sends me many wonderful people accompanying me."

"I will lift you all up in my Holy Hour today, expressing my gratitude to the Father for loving me through your care."

"Thank you for your prayers for me and the other seminarians at Pope John Paul II Seminary. I will keep your community in my prayers as well."

"Thank you for your prayers and support as I continue to follow the Lord's will for my life."

"As I draw closer to my ordination date for the Diaconate, it means a great deal to me to know I am supported by prayers."

"It is inspiring to know of the support from the people of God. Be assured of my prayers for you all as well."

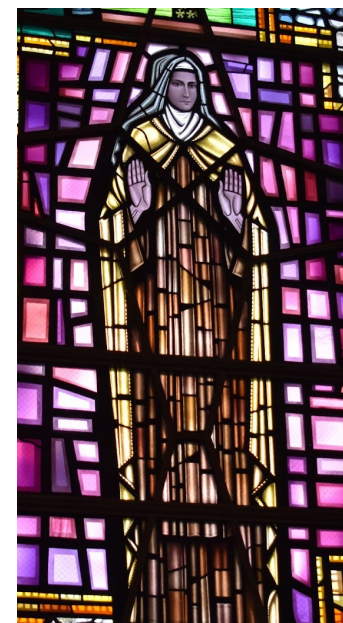
Prayers for Vocations

Lent 2022

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.

As a parish community, let us take these forty days to pray for those being led by the Holy Spirit to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Washington or to a vocation with our Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Little Flower Parish



WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

Mar 2 - **Ash Wednesday**
Mar 3 - **Martin Begley**
Peter Trossbach
Mar 4 - **Vincent Vu**
Fredy Calderon
Mar 5 - **David Valencia**
Alexis Umana
Mar 6 - vocations to the IHM Sisters
Mar 7 - **Clifton Mastran**
Max Korzan
Mar 8 - **Stephen Wong**
Edmundo Medel
Mar 9 - **Benedict Radich**
Isaac Sagastume
Mar 10 - **Elmer Rodriguez**
Jessiah Rojas
Mar 11 - **Joseph McHenry**
Benny Aguayo
Mar 12 - **Christopher Feist**
Federico Mariano
Mar 13 - vocations to the IHM Sisters
Mar 14 - **Colin Snyder**
Gabriel Radich
Mar 15 - **Gregory Zingler**
Matthias Gneiding
Mar 16 - **Dylan Prentice**
Marco Magpantay
Mar 17 - **Danny Morrison**
Lucas de Lima Podda
Mar 18 - **Conor Hardy**
Karlo Stjepanovic

Mar 19 - **David Narváez**
Tri Cao
Mar 20 - vocations to the IHM Sisters
Mar 21 - **Peter Fairbanks**
Joshua Wright
Mar 22 - **John Winslow**
Pedro Lopez
Mar 23 - **Chukwuma Odigwe**
Maycon Adams da Silva Bonfim
Mar 24 - **Thong Nguyen**
Joseph Riordon
Mar 25 - **James Fangmeyer**
Pablo Villa
Mar 26 - **Taylor Colwell**
Michael Encarnacion
Mar 27 - vocations to the IHM Sisters
Mar 28 - **Joseph Heisey**
Michael Falcone
Mar 29 - **Gerard Gayou**
Juan Pablo Noboa
Mar 30 - **Nathaniel Roberts**
Aiden Perusse
Mar 31 - **John Lado**
Marcin Szpot
Apr 1 - **Louis McHale**
David Gilardi
Apr 2 - **Matthew Ludwig**
Leonardo Orellana
Apr 3 - vocations to the IHM Sisters
Apr 4 - **Joseph Gonzalez**
Marcus Lloyd

Apr 5 - **Marco Cerritelli**
David Nikhil
Apr 6 - **Ray Gilmore**
Brendan Parlett
Apr 7 - **Ben Bralove**
Fidele Bimenyimana
Apr 8 - **Justin Seidleck**
Apr 9 - **Deacon Tom Robertson**
Deacon Kyle Vance
Apr 10 - **Deacon Grzegorz Okulewicz**
Deacon Gerald Andrews
Apr 11 - **Deacon Alexander Wyvill**
Deacon Carlos Gutierrez
Apr 12 - **Deacon Peter Mlynarczyk**
Deacon Ryan Braam
Apr 13 - **Deacon Jimmy Morgan**
Deacon Mattia Cortigiani

**Take a card from the Vocations Basket
and continue to pray for vocations
all year long**

*Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles
you have inspired the Church to commission
certain members to assist in a special way
in the pastoral mission of Christ.
Thank you for calling [name] and all who are
preparing for their vocation in your Church.
Bless them that they may be humble and
faith-inspired in their service to your people.
May their desire to serve You inspire others
to answer Your call and may our community of
faith foster vocations of sacrificial love in our
youth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our
Lord and Redeemer. Amen.*