

*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. Teach him
humility and fidelity to unselfishly help
others. May his devotion to Our Blessed
Mother, Queen of Vocations increase,
enabling him to do your will. Grant him the
grace to grow closer to You through daily
prayer. Help him form his personality as a
credible witness to others. Bless him while he
studies Your word and the teachings of the
Church, and give him a generous heart to
follow in Your son's footsteps and serve Your
people. We ask this through Christ your Son.
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 notified each man with the specific date we were sending prayers for his vocation.

Here are some excerpts of 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."

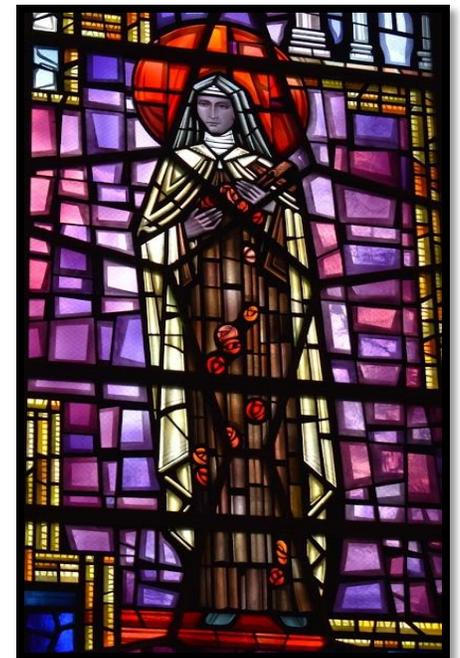
Prayers for Vocations

Lent 2020

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

As a parish community, let us take this time 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:

Feb. 27 - **Sr. Liz McGill**
Sr. Giovanna Fuentes Bendivez

Feb. 28 - **Nathaniel Roberts**
David Narváez

Feb. 29 - **Stephen Wong**
Grzegorz Okulewicz

Mar. 1 - **Colin Snyder**
Peter Mlynarczyk

Mar. 2 - **Benedict Radich**
Xavier Eckard

Mar. 3 - **Danny Morrison**
Matthias Gneiding

Mar. 4 - **Gerard Gayou**
David Nikhil

Mar. 5 - **Clifton Mastran**
Pedro Lopez

Mar. 6 - **Peter Trossbach**
Fidele Bimenyimana

Mar. 7 - **Joseph Gonzalez**
Karlo Stjepanovic

Mar. 8 - **Marco Cerritelli**
Martin Begley

Mar. 9 - **Joseph Brown**
Juan Pablo Noboa

Mar. 10 - **Aiden Perusse**
Federico Mariano

Mar. 11 - **Caleb Gaeng**
Marcin Szpot

Mar. 12 - **Ryan Braam**
Vincent Vu

Mar. 13 - **Marcus Lloyd**
John Lado

Mar. 14 - **Thong Nguyen**
Jose Alvarez

Mar. 15 - **Louis McHale**
Maycon Adams da Silva Bonfim

Mar. 16 - **Matthew Ludwig**
Gerald Andrews

Mar. 17 - **Christopher Feist**
Fredy Calderon

Mar. 18 - **Chukwuma Odigwe**
Alexander Wyvill

Mar. 19 - **Jonathan Barahona**
Isaac Sagastume

Mar. 20 - **Peter Fairbanks**
Lucas de Lima Podda

Mar. 21 - **Joseph McHenry**
Taylor Colwell

Mar. 22 - **Joseph Heisey**
Abraham Cuevas

Mar. 23 - **Dylan Prentice**
Conor Hardy

Mar. 24 - **Khoi Nguyen**
Pablo Villa

Mar. 25 - **Sean Skahen**
Tom Robertson

Mar. 26 - **John McMahan**
Carlos de Rodrigo Gutierrez

Mar. 27 - **Ben Bralove**
Nick Morrison

Mar. 28 - **Jacob Redmond**
Mattia Cortigiani

Mar. 29 - **Kyle Vance**
John Winslow

Mar. 30 - **Ray Gilmore**
Jimmy Morgan

Mar. 31 - **James Fangmeyer**

Apr. 1 - **Deacon Patrick Agustin**
Deacon Francisco Rodriguez

Apr. 2 - **Deacon James Morrison**
Deacon Stefan Yap

Apr. 3 - **Deacon Nate Anderson**
Deacon Emanuel Lucero

Apr. 4 - **Deacon James Glasgow**
Deacon Jeremy Hammond

Apr. 5 - **Take a tag 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 [names] and all who are preparing for a vocation in your Church. Bless them that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their service to your people.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.*