

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs
First Sunday of Advent 2018 to Feast of Christ the King 2019
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 16, 2018

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to pray for those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?

Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 23, 2018

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness. He may be asking you to invite others to consider the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Christmas -- December 25, 2018

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you know someone who may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest or religious sister or brother, call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Feast of the Holy Family -- December 30, 2018

Do you have a friend or family member who is called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father’s love as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2019 [Holy day of Obligation]

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” Do you know someone who feels the Spirit of Jesus prompting them to love and serve Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Epiphany -- January 6, 2019

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Do you know anyone who is beginning to see his or her life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest or religious sister or brother Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Baptism of the Lord -- January 13, 2018

“I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,” Do you know someone who feels the Lord calling them to consider becoming a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 20, 2019

“There are different forms of service but the same Lord.” Do you have a friend or family member whose form of service is to become a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 27, 2019

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Do you know someone who is being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 3, 2019, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” Do you think that your friend or family member may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?” Do you think that the Lord wants to send your friend or family member as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 17, 2019

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ...” Is there someone you know who is considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 24, 2019

“Love one another as I have loved you.” Is your friend or family member discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- March 3, 2019

“Therefore... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,” Do you know someone who is considering devoting his or her work to the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Ash Wednesday—March 6, 2019

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Do you know someone who is discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019

“The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God.” Is there someone you can invite to consider a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

“This is my beloved Son, hear him.” Is our Lord asking you to invite someone you know to follow Him in tending His flock as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

“I AM sent me to you.” Could the Lord be calling someone you know to proclaim His name as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019

“I am the light of the world, says the Lord.” Are you called to invite someone to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 2019

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Is someone you know called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 14, 2019

“... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled.” Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to inviting someone to a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Easter Sunday -- April 21, 2019

“The Lord is truly risen!” Do you know someone who is being called to proclaim the Lord’s resurrection as a priest or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday of Easter -- April 28, 2019 - Divine Mercy Sunday

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you know someone who has an interest in sharing the Lord’s saving mission as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday of Easter -- May 5, 2019

“Were not our hearts burning within us...” Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to invite someone you know to consider serving the Lord in the as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 12, 2019- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“Sing joyfully to the LORD ...; serve the LORD with gladness.” Do you know someone who is discerning a vocation as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 19, 2019

“Love one another.” “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider inviting someone you know to live the Lord’s new commandment of love as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 26, 2019

“Whoever loves me will keep my word.” Do you know someone who is being called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Ascension of the Lord -- June 2, 2019

“Go and teach all nations, says the Lord.” Do you know someone who feels a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Pentecost Sunday -- June 9, 2019

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Is your gift of the Holy Spirit to invite someone to discern a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Most Holy Trinity – June 16, 2019

How do you hope to share in God’s glory...by inviting someone you know to discern a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 23, 2019 [Corpus Christi]

“They all ate and were satisfied.” Do you know someone who is called to feed his flock as a priest? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2019

“Serve one another through love.” Does a life of prayer and service as a priest or in the consecrated life sound like something someone you know should consider? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 7, 2019

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.” Do you know someone who may be called to be a laborer for Christ as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 14, 2019

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Faithfulness to one’s vocation is essential to holiness. Is there someone you can invite to discern a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 21, 2019

“It is He whom we proclaim.” Do you know someone who may be called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 28, 2019

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Are you being called to invite someone to help feed the people of God as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 4, 2019

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience sound like they would interest someone you know, invite them to discover that life as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 11, 2019

“... for he has prepared a city for them.” Do you know someone who is called to lead the Lord’s people to the eternal city that he has prepared for them as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 15, 2019 [Holy day of Obligation]

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” Do you know someone who may be called to carry the word of God to his flock as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 18, 2019

“I have come to set the earth on fire,” Do you know someone who may want to carry the fire of the Lord to his people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 25, 2019

“Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.” Is God calling you to invite someone you know to the priesthood? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 1, 2019

“Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord.” Do you know someone who may be willing to accept the yoke of the Lord through a vocation as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 8, 2019

“Any one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Do you know someone who is being called to discipleship as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 15, 2019

“He was lost and has been found.” Can you invite someone to bring others to life in Christ as a priest or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 22, 2019

“No servant can serve two masters.” Do you know someone who is discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 29, 2019

“But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to invite someone you know to grow in holiness as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 6, 2019

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and invite someone to follow Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 13, 2019

“But the word of God is not chained.” Do you know someone who is considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 20, 2019

“Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.” Do you know someone who is being called to teach the word of God as a priest or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 27, 2019

“All who humble themselves will be exalted.” Is humble service as a priest or in the consecrated life the path to holiness and eternal glory in Christ for someone you know? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

All Saints -- November 1, 2019 [Holy day of Obligation]

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.” Are you called to invite someone you know to follow in the footsteps of the saints to bring solace to the burdened as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 3, 2019 (National Vocation Awareness Week)

“But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things.” Do you know someone who is called to be a vehicle of God’s mercy as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 10, 2019

“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God.” Do you know someone who is being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 17, 2019

“I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking.” Do you know someone who is considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 24, 2019

“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” Can you invite someone you know to make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner, (309) 671-1550, or write: fr_hepner@cdop.org.