

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs
First Sunday of Advent 2019 to Feast of Christ the King 2020
Cycle A

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 1, 2019

"...He will teach us His ways..." Are you being called to bring the word of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 8, 2019

As John baptized in the desert, is the Holy Spirit calling you to tend his flock in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 9, 2019 [Not a Holyday of Obligation]

Do you have the desire to give His people the knowledge of salvation?
Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 15, 2019

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 22, 2019

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Christmas -- December 25, 2019

"And the Word was made flesh..." If you think you may be called to share the good news of our Father's love as a priest or religious sister or brother, call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Feast of the Holy Family -- December 29, 2020

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2020 [Holyday of Obligation]

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." Do you feel the Spirit of Jesus prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Epiphany -- January 5, 2020

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Baptism of the Lord -- January 12, 2020

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Do you a calling to follow the son of God and become a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 19, 2020

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 26, 2020

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Presentation of the Lord -- February 2, 2020, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Are you ready for “a living encounter with the Lord in his people?” Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2020

“Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 16, 2020

“It is loyalty to do His will.” Are you considering following the will of God in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 23, 2020

“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Ash Wednesday—February 26, 2020

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Are you discerning a call to follow Him? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

First Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2020

“God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace.” Do you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

“The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29, 2020

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 5, 2020

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest or religious brother or sister? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Easter Sunday -- April 12, 2020

“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. Are you being called to proclaim the Lord’s resurrection? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Second Sunday of Easter -- April 19, 2020 - Divine Mercy Sunday

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Third Sunday of Easter -- April 26, 2020

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 3, 2020- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 10, 2020

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider bringing others to the Lord as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 17, 2020

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Ascension of the Lord -- May 24, 2020

"They received the Holy Spirit." The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Pentecost Sunday -- May 31, 2020

"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Most Holy Trinity -- June 7, 2020

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 14, 2020 [Corpus Christi]

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish with His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 21, 2020

"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." God is always looking out for what's best for us. If He is calling you to be a priest, sister or brother, there is nothing to fear. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 28, 2020

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Could God be calling you to follow after Him in this life and into the next? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 5, 2020

You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 12, 2020

"Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 19, 2020

"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the word of God? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 26, 2020

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! Do you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 2, 2020

If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, sister or brother. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 9, 2020

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!" If the Lord truly calls you, what you need is trust. Are you called to lead the Lord's people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 13, 2020 [Not a Holyday of Obligation]

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Are you attracted to carry the word of God to his flock as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 16, 2020

"Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 23, 2020

"Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." Is God calling you to serve His Son in the priesthood? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 30, 2020

"What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process." Are you being called to be a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 6, 2020

"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..." The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 13, 2020

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." Is God calling you to live for others as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 20, 2020

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 27, 2020

““He humbled Himself and became obedient....” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 4, 2020

“This is the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life 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. Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 11, 2020

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 18, 2020

“Give to God what is God’s.” You belong to Christ and Christ is God’s! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him? Are you being called to teach the word of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 25, 2020

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

All Saints -- November 1, 2020 (National Vocation Awareness Week)

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Let us unite in prayer for those who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as priests or religious brothers or sisters. Do you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 8, 2020

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 15, 2020

“Well done, good and faithful servant....” How are you called to use your talents? Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 22, 2020

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Timothy Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org.