

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 17, 2021

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Worship Schedule

Daily Mass 7:30 AM Mon-Thurs
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass 3:00 PM Sunday

Confessions After Daily Mass,
approx. 8:00 AM
3:00-3:30 PM Saturday

Rosary 7:00 PM Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday
8:00 - 9:00 AM
Rosary at beginning

1st Friday of the Month
1:00-3:00 PM
September - June

Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5.

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45



Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16

- 4:00 PM Carol McLaughlin
by Brian Hardy
- Florence Leblanc
by John and Fran Leblanc
- John F. Cody III
by Ali and Jack Cody

Sunday, October 17

- 8:00 AM For the people of the parish
- 10:00 AM Tom & Carol McCarthy
by their son Tom
- 3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, October 18

- 7:30 AM Matthew Trombly
by Phil and Denise Trombly

Tuesday, October 19

- 7:30 AM Craig M. Levesque, 5th Anniv.
by Mom and Dad

Wednesday, October 20

- 7:30 AM Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB
by Thomas & Karen Prieto

Thursday, October 21

- 7:30 AM Norbert J. Higgins
by Mary & John Mann

Friday, October 22

No mass on Friday

Saturday, October 23

- 4:00 PM Denise Kulas - 18th Anniv.
by her mother, Jeanne
- Leona Marie Vacca
by Michael Vacca
- Living & Deceased Members
of the Whitehill Family
by Ann and Scott Collentro

Sunday, October 24

- 8:00 AM For the people of the parish
- 10:00 AM Agnes McArdle
by Her Family
- 3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

Sanctuary Lamp
Craig M. Levesque, 5th Anniversary
by Mom and Dad

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread, which will become the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during September, will be offered in memory of Stephanie Cadwell Walsh by Her Mom, Jane Cadwell.

Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.



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2021

Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

Corpus Christi Corner

During the month of September, a total of 417.1 pounds of food, with a value of \$675.70. Thank you all for your generosity.

The Pantry is getting ready to collect food for our Thanksgiving meal distribution in November. Typically we put together 200 dinner baskets for the needy in Nashua. We are asking for the following items: Stuffing, Turkey Gravy Packets, Instant Potatoes, Corn Muffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Corn, Green Beans, Apple Pie Filling, Pie Crust Mix, Olives, Pickles, Yams, Hot Cocoa, Tea. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations, thank you!

From the Choir Loft

We are excited to announce that our Adult Choir Rehearsals have begun and take place Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the church. We are looking for new members. All are welcome, no experience needed and no auditions. Please come join us! The Season of Singing has come.... If you would like more info about our Choir and rehearsals please contact Carol Ann Skabo after mass or via email music@stchrisparishnh.org.

Christ Our Bread Charismatic Retreat Day Saturday, October 23

All are welcome to the second in a series of Charismatic Retreats focused on Christ at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 AM to Noon for **Christ Our Bread - Recapturing Eucharistic Mystery**.

Our main speaker will be Fr. Paul Gousse with additional witness speakers sharing their personal experiences of the Holy Eucharist. Uplifting contemporary music will be provided by Frank Howard and Lazarus Ministry of Praise and light breakfast finger foods will be available. At the end of the event, there will be individual prayer team ministry.

The event is free and open to all. Donations accepted. Pre-registration is not necessary but helpful in planning. There will be an 8:00 AM mass. For more information, call Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576.

Take a Step in Faith

During the next few weeks, our parish family will reflect on how we can grow in love for God and neighbor. We will hear the call of Jesus to be God's stewards. We will make a conscious decision about how we can further Christ's mission by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with God and one another. Members of our parish community will conduct a presentation at all Masses the next couple weeks to share with us how God has blessed them through their commitment to Stewardship.

For Vocations

"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, or in the consecrated life? Write Father Matthew Mason at: mmason@rcbm.org.

Saint Christopher Academy Now Accepting Applications

Saint Christopher Academy is now accepting applications for students interested in grades Prekindergarten through 8 for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply, visit the school website at SaintChrisAcademy.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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An early bulletin deadline has caused our offertory reporting to be a bit "behind schedule." Please check back here to catch up!

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for supporting
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Saint Christopher Academy is a pre-kindergarten 3 through grade 8 Catholic school located on two nearby campuses. At SCA, students are immersed in an academically excellent, authentically Catholic education within the embrace of a safe, joy-filled community.

Visit us online at
SaintChrisAcademy.org

Confirmation

Do you have an older student that has not yet been confirmed? Register now for our Confirmation class beginning in January Grade 5 and up

Baptized students will attend classes in January 2022 through April 2022, preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Students in this class should already have received Reconciliation and First Communion. Classes are 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon after attending the 10:00 AM Mass. Registration forms for Sacrament Prep are found at stchrisparishnh.org Questions? Contact Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org or Alex Sullivan at asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org.

**Christ In Us Family Faith Program
We are up and running!
Grades K-Grade 6**

All new program for our parish families that will bring Faith formation in a new model. Our parish students in public school grades K to grade 6 AND their families will gather once a month in the Church hall for a light breakfast. Students will participate in a grade level lesson while their parents participate in a program just for them. We can all use a recharge in our faith journey! Students will continue with self paced lessons at home each week. Students submit completed work online/email. Registration forms can be found on our parish website at stchrisparishnh.org Questions? Email Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

Sacrament Prep classes are underway!

RECONCILIATION

Baptized students in Grade 2 and up from our parish who are seeking Reconciliation should register for this class. Students and a parent attend seven Sunday evening classes and prepare to receive this wonderful sacrament. Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation. Visit stchrisparishnh.org for registration information. Questions? Email Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org.

CONFIRMATION

Students in grade 3 who received their Reconciliation last Fall may register for this CONFIRMATION class. This class meets on seven to eight Sunday mornings. Families attend the 10:00 AM Mass and then proceed downstairs for class from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Students and a parent participate together as they learn and prepare to receive both Confirmation and Eucharist in Spring 2022. Students registering for this class also register for First Eucharist, which runs from January to May 2022. Students must also be registered for either our Family Faith program or enrolled at a Catholic school for their ongoing faith formation. Sacrament prep forms can be found at our parish website to print and return- stchrisparishnh.org Questions? Contact Chris Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org or Alex Sullivan at asullivan@stchrisparishnh.org.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website, uscbb.org, for their Pastoral Letter, "When I Call for Help." If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY), www.thehotline.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Visit www.catholicnh.org/get-help for local resources.

Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month,. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Simple steps are provided to help you celebrate Respect Life Month. Please visit <https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>.

World Mission Sunday Collection October 23-24

World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 24 this year. We will have a special collection to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace.

An Introduction to Biomedical Technology and Catholic Ethics: The Beginning of Human Life, and End of Life Issues

By Deacon Edward P. Munz, B.A., M.Div., C.A.G.S., D.Min. on Mondays, November 8, 15, 22, and 29, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church Gathering Hall, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH.

In today's world, medical technology continues to be a great gift that serves to enhance the quality of human life. On the other hand, there are technological advancements that all too often push the envelope in ways that no longer adhere to Roman Catholic moral values, teachings, and principles. The important goals in ethical evaluation must be based on the intrinsic dignity of the human person, the fundamental good of humanity, and the basic good that underscores and affirms the gift of life that God intends for all of God's people. It is critically important to recognize that every person is created in the image and likeness of God; and therefore, must be treated with dignity, respect, and moral integrity. This Presentation is intended for an Adult Audience.

Deacon Ed currently serves the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community in Manchester. He served as the Chair of the Department of Theology at Bishop Guertin High School for 19 years teaching Theology, Ethics, Social Justice, Philosophy, and Catholic Biomedical Ethics at the Honors level. For more information and to register, please visit <https://iccnashuanh.org>

Infant of Prague Prayer Cards

Devotion to the Infant Jesus, whom many of us know as The Infant of Prague, brings many blessings and graces. There are blessed, Holy cards with prayers to the Infant Jesus in the alcove at the side entrance to the church. Please help yourself...there are many more, so take them for friends and family!

Amazing Grace

When did you hear that sweet sound?

Parable magazine invites New Hampshire Catholics to share moments when you especially became aware of God's grace at work in your life. It could be at the birth of a child. Perhaps it helped you through a moment of great trial, struggle or confusion. Maybe you felt this free and unmerited help from God in the ordinary moments of the day.

Please visit <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/grace> to share your story with us. We will contact you if your story is selected for publication in the January/February 2022 issue of Parable.

Submissions are due October 25. Thank you!

Respect Life Contest

The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest. The contest is open to any Junior High (grades 6 - 8) and Senior High (grades 9 - 12) student in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will provide up to six cash awards of \$100 each. Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email. Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work.

Further contest details may be obtained from the Knights of Columbus NH contest chairman, John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098), or Knights of Columbus NH State Pro-Life Chairman, Rob Distasio (603-595-7837).



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families,
For the selfless acts they perform,
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord
and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

LTC Brian Berthelotte (Army);
LtCol Mark Berthelotte (USAF);
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

Cpl. Matthew Berthelotte
(USMC)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:
SSG. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:
Maj. Rob Strob

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:
SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre
PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Kopka and
Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:
AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:
Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Granddaughter of Dan & Sue Tracy:
Cpt. Brittany DesLauriers (Army)

Grandson of Betty Batey:
Major Nick Batey USAF

Nephew of Karen Narkis:
AMT3 David P. Narkis (Coast
Guard)

*To add to our military prayer list,
email bulletin@stchrisparishnh.org or
call the Rectory at 882-0632.*

St. Christopher Parish Community Outreach

Parish Prayer Line

*Overwhelmed by life, by care?
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --
24/7 from us to Heaven!

Go online to

www.stchrisparishnh.org

Send email to

prayerhotline@
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Prayer Shawls

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

Outreach Ministry

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

Senior Companions

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.

St. John of Capistrano

(June 24, 1386 – October 23, 1456)

It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the 14th century. One-third of the population and nearly 40 percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the Church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from interference in their stricter observance.

John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.

Reflection

John Hofer, a biographer of John Capistrano, recalls a Brussels organization named after the saint. Seeking to solve life problems in a fully Christian spirit, its motto was: "Initiative, Organization, Activity." These three words characterized John's life. He was not one to sit around. His deep Christian optimism drove him to battle problems at all levels with the confidence engendered by a deep faith in Christ.

Welcome! Please use this form to register!

St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at www.StChrisParishNH.org.

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:3-45

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death.

As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. Or you may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from children to clean up the family room. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. After reading the Gospel, talk with your family about Jesus' unique message to his disciples about how they are to exercise authority. Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life. Conclude by praying we may receive honor in God's eyes by learning to serve others in love. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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About Our Faith:

How are Mass readings chosen?

The cycle of readings at Mass throughout the year has been established by the Church; more specifically, with the Second Vatican Council's reform of the Liturgy, and by the authority of the Pope, a new Roman Missal and Lectionary has been established. There are two cycles of readings: weekdays and Sundays (feast days).

The weekday readings are on a two-year cycle (I, II) except for Lent and Advent, when the readings are the same every year. The Sundays are on a three-year cycle (A, B, C), supposedly because during the time of Christ the Sabbath readings in the local synagogue were also on a three-year cycle, and in the Church we try to do what Jesus did.

Vatican II reforms introduced a much wider variety of readings for the Masses because of the Church's desire that Catholics know a lot more of sacred Scripture.

Although the cycle of readings has been established by the Church, there is room for choice depending on the occasion. For instance, the readings for a funeral Mass on a weekday could be selected from Readings for a Funeral, and not necessarily the readings for that weekday; likewise with wedding Masses, etc.; and likewise for local celebrations of local saints. All of that is set forth clearly in the "Ordo," an official guide for the daily celebration of the Liturgy available in every diocese. Usually there is a copy of the local Ordo in the sacristy of your Church.

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Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

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Pope Francis

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