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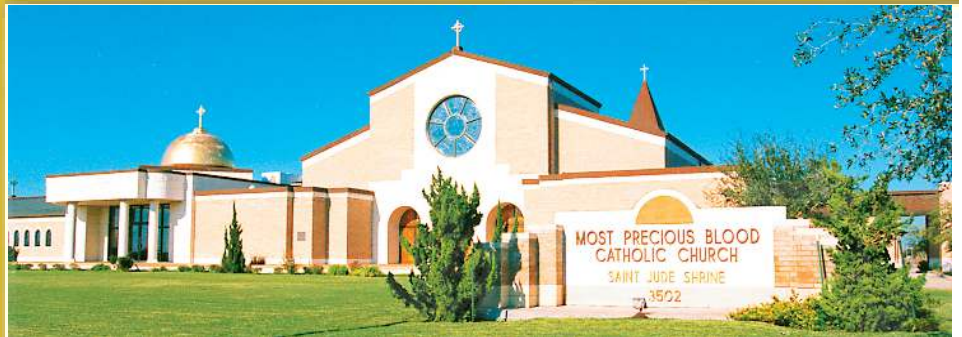
Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish!

To register, please go to <http://mpbchurch.org> or come to the Church office.



*"Glory
to the
Father,
the Son,
and the
Holy
Spirit:
To God
who is,
who was
and
who is
to come."*

*A Good
Shepherd
lays down
his life for
the sheep.*



LITURGY

Sunday Masses:	Sat. Vigil	4:30 pm	
	Sunday	8:00 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 7:30 pm	
	Weekday Masses:	Mon. - Fri.	8:30 am & 6:00 pm
		Sat.	8:30 am
Holy Day Masses:	Vigil	6:00 pm	
	Holy Day	8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm	
St. Jude Gift Shop:	Martha Parra		
	Thurs & Fri.	10:00 am-3:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses	

STAFF

Pastor:	Very Rev. Joseph A. Lopez, J.C.L.
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Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Carlos De La Rosa
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Facility Manager:	Eloy Ozuna

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:	Contact the Church Office 3 weeks before Baptism
Confessions:	Daily, 30 minutes prior to each Mass
Marriages:	Call the Church at least 1 year before marriage.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator:	Joseph Hernandez
Director of Sacred Music:	Dr. Meaghan King
Head Cantor:	Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz
Associate Cantor:	Sarah Garcia
Devotions to St. Jude:	Monday-Thursday 5:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Alice Polansky
Extra Ordinary Ministers:	Deacon Mark Cazalas
Lector:	Derrick Seidenberg
Organists:	Marty Wind
Ushers:	Sonny Gamez

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Theresa Mendez

FAITH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

Director:	Tina Villegas
RE Classes:	PK3 - 6th Grades Sun. 8:30am
	K3-K5 Grades Wed. 4:30pm
	1st-6th Grades Wed. 6:15pm
	7th - 8th Grades Mon. 6:00pm
	9th - 12th Grades Sun. 5:30pm
H.S. Youth Ministry:	Justin De Los Santos
M.S. Ministry:	Stacie Bunting
Young Adults:	Rev. Carlos De La Rosa
Quinceañeras:	Tina Villegas
Saturday Study:	Rev. Carlos De La Rosa
Real Men:	Jim Bunting
W.I.N.E.:	Tina Villegas
OCIA:	Javier Salazar

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	Deacon Frank Newchurch
	Deacon David Castillo
Homebound Ministry:	Alan & Deb Morgan
Hospital Ministry:	Elsa Canales
Palms Nursing Home:	Alan & Deb Morgan
Mother Teresa Shelter:	Maria Escobar
Part-Time Counselor:	Jenny Allen

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Vocations Awareness:	Joseph Hernandez
Women's Council:	Cyndi Munoz Hernandez
Companions in Christ:	Adriana Livas



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:30AM Alan Stitt Bday Blessings by Family
4:30PM †Amador Duran by Rosie Duran

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00AM MPB Parishioners
10:30AM †Joe D. Lopez/Augustin Perez by Family
12:30PM Nacho Doney Birthday by Family
7:30PM †Rosalia/Ricardo Gonzalez by Vangie Mendez

Monday, April 27, 2026

8:30AM Souls in Purgatory by Brunkenhoefer Family
Derrick Seidenberg by Angel, Gracie, Joshua
Vanessa Almanza by Mercedes Almanza
Hoang Huang Health/Intentions
†Maria Riojas by De La Paz Family
†Katie Priour by Family
6:00PM †Emilia M. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:30AM †Manuel Nuncio by Mercedes Almanza
6:00PM †Barbara Holmes by Friend

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8:30AM †Renee Palacios by Javier Palacios & Family
6:00PM †Connie J. Jiminez by Friend

Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:30AM Joey Carvalheira Bday Blessings by Family
6:00PM †Concepcion Benavidez Barrios by Janie/Veronica

Friday, May 1, 2026

8:30AM †Ruben Montez by Carolyn Canchola
†Lupe & Candida Martinez by Granddaughter
†Asension Castaneda by Family
Hoang Huang Health/Intentions
†Felipe Fuentes by De La Paz Family
6:00PM †Esther Bazan by Michelle Perez

Saturday, May 2, 2026

8:30AM Ernie Magana by Mom
4:30PM †Reynaldo Davila by Family



All Religious Education Classes
St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

Sun. 8:30am-10:00am PK3-6th Grades (CGS)
Sun. 5:00pm-7:00pm 9th-12th Grades
Mon. 6:00pm-7:15pm 7th-8th Grades
Wed. 4:30pm-6:00pm K3-K5 Grades (CGS)
Wed. 6:15pm-7:45pm 1st-6th Grades (CGS)

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

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Altar Servers

The Altar Server Program is looking for young men; ages 7+ who are in good standing and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and who are interested in deepening their faith and serving the Lord at Mass. As an altar server, they will have the unique opportunity to assist the priest during the liturgy and take an important role in our parish community.

No prior experience is necessary--training will be provided! This is a wonderful way to grow spiritually, build friendships, and contribute to the beauty of our sacred celebrations. If your son is interested, please contact Joseph Hernandez at 361-854-3800 for more details. We encourage all families to consider this special ministry!

The Sanctuary Candles are lit in the Church, St. Jude Chapel, and Adoration Chapel. These candles are perpetually lit for two weeks for your special intention in a high place of honor which lets us know that Jesus is physically present in the Eucharist. They can be in memory of a loved one, for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or any intention. The cost is \$15.00.

April 19, 2026-May 2, 2026



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Bobby Connor by Rosie Connor

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Emilia M. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel

The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Isidro Carbajal by Joan Carbajal

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

Please join us in reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



Each week, a Traveling Vocations Crucifix will be presented to a different Parishioner. The Family / Individual presented with the Crucifix, will pray for an increase in vocations within our diocese and particularly within our Parish. To participate, please visit the Parish Website mpbchurch.org under **ministries-vocation-program selection-traveling vocation crucifix** and sign up.

First Friday Adoration

May 1, 2026

St. Jude Chapel

9:00AM



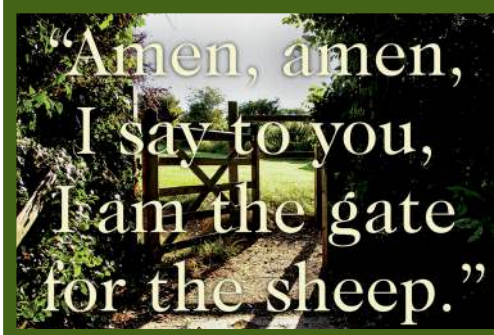
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 8:30am Mass and continue until 5:45pm, ending with Benediction. Confessions at 5:30pm followed by daily Mass at 6pm.

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." You are greatly needed! Hours for adoration are available, contact Alice Polansky at 361-737-6360.



Divine Mercy

Please join us in reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet on Sunday, **May 3, 2026**, and every First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

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First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion for OCIC students will be on Saturday May 2, 2026 at the 4:30pm mass.

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00AM OCIA **GH**
 8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**
 5:00PM HS RE Y2 **SMG**

Monday, April 27, 2026

6:00PM MS RE **SMG**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
 4:30PM K3-K4 CGS **SMG**
 6:45PM WINE **SMG**
 6:15PM K-4th Grade CGS **SMG**

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, May 1, 2026

9:00AM First Friday Adoration **SJC**

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**
 3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
 5:00PM HS RE Y1 & Y2 **SMG**

Legend:

C - Church
 C1-C2 - Classrooms in Family Center
 FC - Family Center
 GH - The Great Hall in Family Center
 BR - Brides Room
 RG - Rose Garden
 Sch - MPB School Building
 SJC - Saint Jude Chapel
 SMG - St. Maria Goretti

Please Pray For:

J.R. DeLaRosa, Theresa Gilbert, Edna/Edwin Soto, Maria Cantu, Monica/Elsa Chavez, Elodia Villarreal, Alicia Cavada, Jacob Serna and Family, and for all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



Eucharistic Adoration



Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." You are greatly needed! Hours for adoration are available, contact Alice Polansky at 361-737-6360.

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Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families.

- Mia Marie Cantu**
- Uriah Amourie Escobedo**
- Rafael Jose Gonzalez**
- Isaiah Luke Hernandez**
- Sofia Julianne Lopez**
- Riley Alexis Mailes**
- Emilia Medrano**
- Benjamin Alexander Mendez**
- Maverick Atlas Montoya**
- Bradley Marcus Morford**
- Natalie Claire Morford**
- Zachery Ray Pena Jr.**
- Ella Rey Rodriguez**
- Reynaldo Rodriguez, III**
- Matthew Gabriel Tinajero**

We celebrate your baptism into the Kingdom of God and the Catholic Church! Let us continue to pray for the new members of our faith.

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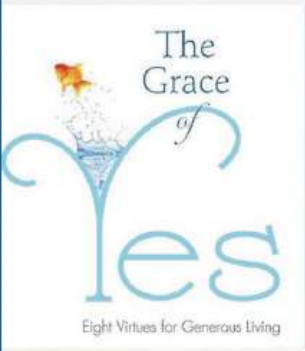


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Weekly Study Sessions
Wednesdays
April 15 - June 3, 2026
@ 9:45 AM or 6:45PM
St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we thank God for the tremendous success of our Parish Spring Family Festival.

Because of your generosity, your presence, and your spirit of unity, our parish came together in a beautiful way to support our Faith Formation program. This was not simply a fund raiser-it was a true celebration of our life as a parish.

We are especially grateful to all who made this day possible: our Knights of Columbus, dedicated volunteers, generous sponsors, ministry leaders, and every parishioner who participated, served, or contributed in any way. Your time, talent and treasure are a witness to the living faith of this community.

Most of all, thank you for investing in our young people. The fruits of this festival will help us continue forming them in the faith, strengthening their relationship with Christ, and building a vibrant future for our parish.

May the joy of the Risen Lord continue to bless you and your families. **He is Risen! Alleluia!** At your service,
Fr. Joseph Lopez, Pastor

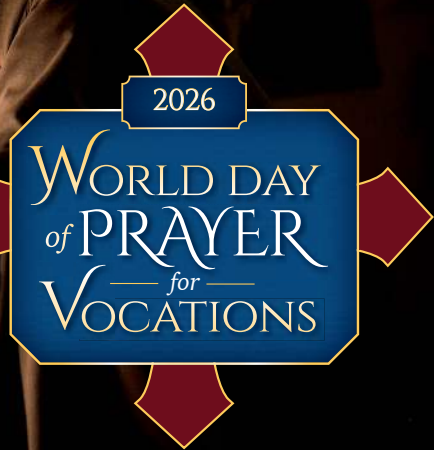
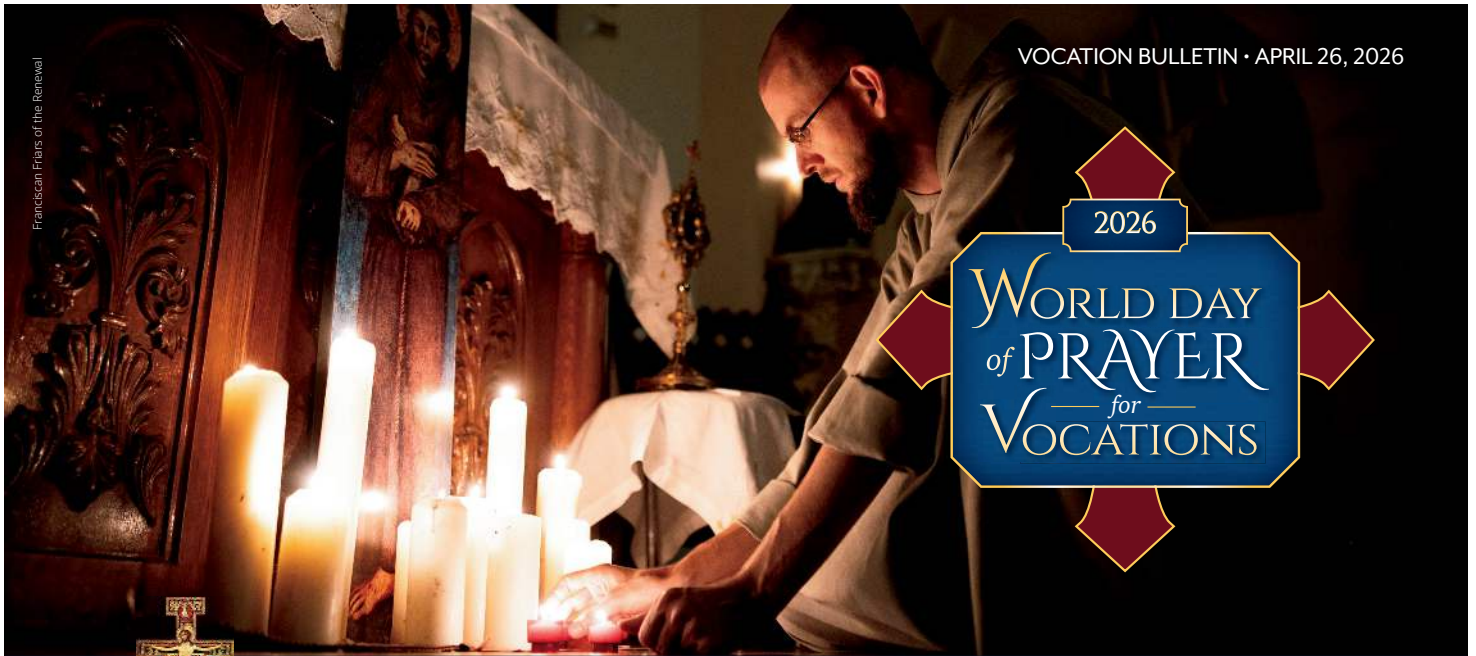
2026 Spring Fest Raffle and Buggy Winners

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| 3rd Prize-\$1000 Visa Gift Card | Schoenstatt Center |
| 4th Prize-\$1000 Visa Gift Card | Eric Torres |
| 5th Prize-\$1000 Visa Gift Card | Arnold A. Leal |
| 6th Prize-\$1000 Visa Gift Card | Maribel Munoz |
| 7th Prize-\$1000 Visa Gift Card | Cecile Ana |
| 8th Prize-\$500 Visa Gift Card | Veronica Herrera |
| 9th Prize-\$500 Visa Gift Card | Benji Huizar |
| 10th Prize-\$500 Visa Gift Card | Florinda Carrion |
| 11th Prize-\$500 Visa Gift Card | Orlando Gonzalez |
| 12th Prize-\$250 Visa Gift Card | Buddy Miller |
| 13th Prize-\$250 Visa Gift Card | Jahna Fulton |
| 14th Prize-\$250 Visa Gift Card | John Vasquez |
| 15th Prize-\$250 Visa Gift Card | Ester Ochoa |

Alcohol Buggy Raffle Winner Becky Munoz



Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



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Masthead photo: A young friar prepares for *transitus*, the Franciscan tradition of celebrating the entrance of their patron saint into heaven. In 2026, the feast will take on special significance, as Pope Leo has declared a special jubilee year recognizing eight centuries of Francis of Assisi's profound influence on the Church.

CALLED BY NAME

'THEY SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE IN MYSELF'

“When I first became Vocation Director, I discovered something remarkable,” said Fr. Jordan Dosch, a priest of the Diocese of Bismarck. “I was looking through our archives and discovered an old ‘Called by Name’ list from about fifteen years earlier.” The list was from a campaign during which the bishop asked people to suggest young men who might make good priests. “As I looked at this long list of hundreds of young men, I saw my own name.”

“What’s amazing to me is that when my name was submitted, I was in junior high, and wasn’t even thinking about the priesthood—I barely even understood what it was. But someone saw something in me that I couldn’t yet see in myself.”

As Fr. Dosch examined the list, he saw more names he recognized. “I checked closely, and almost all of our young priests were on that list,” he said. “And some names were on the list ten times, which is a pretty good clue!”

Fr. Dosch says lay people have an important role to play in calling forth priestly vocations. “Every young Catholic guy has to struggle at some point with whether God may be calling him,” he said. “So when you see a devout young man and ask, ‘Have you ever considered the priesthood?’ it might confirm something that is already stirring in his heart.”



Fr. Jordan Dosch is currently studying canon law in Rome. He is pictured here with two deacons at their ordination in St. Peter's Basilica.



Daughters of Mary of Nazareth

The Romance of Religious Life

Many women say, “I could never be a nun. I want a guy to sweep me off my feet. I want walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and warm embraces.” And yet there are thousands of religious sisters who are head-over-heels in love with Jesus Christ, who relish being His bride, who will do anything to please Him, and who are too romantic to choose any other kind of life!





Zuzana Vitinska

A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS



At a priest's ordination, the bishop anoints his hands with sacred chrism and wipes them with a cloth that in older rites was called a *maniturgium*. Following an ancient and beautiful tradition, a priest may give this fragrant, oil-soaked cloth to his mother after his first Mass. She carefully preserves the cloth, then at her burial, her hands are tied together as in prayer by the *maniturgium* as a sign that she has offered her son to God and the Church.

AN INDISPENSABLE VOCATION WHY WE NEED BROTHERS



Dominican Friars of St. Joseph

With today's shortage of priests, one might assume that any man entering a religious community would naturally go on to be ordained. Historically, however, this has never been the case. Religious life—marked by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—has always been recognized as a vocation in its own right, distinct from Holy Orders.

Religious brothers play a unique and essential role in the Church. Free from the demands of sacramental ministry, they are often able to devote themselves fully to works requiring long-term presence and deep personal engagement. For example, the Brotherhood of Hope, a community of all brothers, focuses on campus ministry in secular universities.

In contemplative communities such as the Cistercians, monk-brothers live in seclusion and austerity, centered on prayer and labor. Through this hidden fidelity, they bear powerful witness that God alone deserves our complete devotion because, in the end, our common vocation is union with Him in heaven.

Religious brotherhood is a vocation that deserves renewed attention by the faithful and serious consideration from young men discerning God's call.



Diocese of Savannah

Vocation Summer Camps

Vocations-themed summer camps—often run by priests and seminarians—are a staple in dioceses across the country. They offer a mix of prayer, friendship, and fun... and, occasionally, a lifelong calling. When telling their vocation stories, quite a few priests will tell you: *it all started at camp!*

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. *Amen*





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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 young men and women to offer their lives in service of the Gospel as Priests, sisters, and brothers. 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." Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach those who are called by Your Son to give a joyful "YES!" as you did to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. We ask this, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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