



*St. Mary Catholic Church  
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary / St. Boniface  
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and  
promote  
His teachings  
through worship,  
Education,  
Training, Service,  
and  
Community  
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR**

“There’s no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don’t pray enough for them.” St. John Vianney

**Mailing Address for Both Churches**

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[www.stmarysstboniface.org](http://www.stmarysstboniface.org)  
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**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 9:15 A.M.  
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

**Marriage Preparation**

contact the office at least **nine to 12 months prior**  
to wedding date

**RCIA**

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

**Funerals**

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as  
soon as possible.

**Ministry to the Sick**

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

**Confession**

St. Mary’s every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and  
every Wednesday after evening Mass.  
(or by appointment at the office.)  
St. Boniface – **Last Saturday** from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Hispanic Ministry**

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent  
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

**Protecting Our Children Sessions**

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

**Mass Schedule for the Week**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 6- St. Mary’s</b> Priest Retreat/No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> <b><u>6:00 pm</u></b>	<b>January 8- St. Mary’s</b> Rosary & Novena Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 9-St. Boniface</b> Priest Retreat/No Mass
<b>Friday</b> <b><u>7:25 am</u></b>	<b>January 10– St. Mary’s</b> † Melvin Berend by JoAnn & Bill
<b>Saturday</b> <b><u>5:00 pm</u></b> <b><u>7:00 pm</u></b>	<b>January 11– St. Mary’s</b> † Henry Pennartz by M. J. Geis Family Parishioners (Spanish Mass)
<b>Sunday</b> <b><u>8:00 am</u></b>	<b>January 12– St. Boniface</b> † Willie Hoff by Harold Stallcup
<b>Sunday</b> <b><u>10:30 am</u></b>	<b>January 12– St. Mary’s</b> † Leona Miller by Mary Lou Schroeder

**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**  
**Monday Jan. 6th – Sunday Jan. 12th, 2020**

**HOSPITALITY**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Robert & Samantha Baumer  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Steve & Carla Schlumpf

**LECTORS**

**Fri. 7:25 am** Caleb Schroeder  
**Sat. 5:00 pm** Hilary Wolf & Skylar Veitenheimer  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Chuck King & Sarah Hoff

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**Fri. 7:25 am** Brady Herndon, Chloe Schroeder  
**Sat. 5:00 pm** Gavin & Grayson Steinberger & Nolan Schreiber  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Nathan, Thomas & Savannah McCann

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**Sat. 5:00pm** Deb Schreiber Hosts, Betty Wolf Hosts, Gail Schroeder, Sharon Humpert, Olga Saldarriaga, Diane Schroeder, Jerry Anderle/Choir Hosts, Ricardo Saldarriaga/Choir  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Mark & Kristi Veitenheimer/Hosts, Justin & Brenda Doyal, Weston Schlumpf, Brian Anderle

**USHERS**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Eddie Luig, M.J. Geis, James Vieth, Robert Baumer  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Donnie & Jesse Fleitman, Trent Price, Sean Hoff

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sat. 5:00 pm** Leo Hoff Jr. Family  
**Sun. 10:30 am** David Veitenheimer Family

**MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

**Sun. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** Bert & Elizabeth Hoff  
**Sun. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** Jerry Anderle & Diane Schroeder

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS:**

**Sun. Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** Ann Hertel & Brooke Schreiber  
**Sun. Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Mon. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** JoAnn Hoff, Melinda Schneider, Chuck Veitenheimer  
**SUPPORT** Sunday Envelopes \$20,700.00, Loose \$1194,25 Children \$46.18 ,Building Fund \$160.00, Music \$10.00

**ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**  
**Monday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>– Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**HOSPITALITY**

**Sun. 8:00 am** Dan & Yvette Smith

**LECTOR**

**Sun. 8:00 am** Gwen Teichman

**SERVERS**

**Sun. 8:00 am** Gabby Hoegger & Volunteer

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sun. 8:00 am** Sis Smith & Family

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

**SUN 8:00 am** Sarah Krahl, Cassidy Veitenheimer, Keith Teichman, Cindy Teichman/Choir

**USHERS**

**Sun. 8:00 am** Robert J. Krahl, Kenneth Veitenheimer

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**Sun. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** Joyce Moer, Sis Smith, Arthur Hemmi  
**SUPPORT** – Sunday Envelopes \$ 825.00, Loose \$132.00, Christmas Charities \$776.00

**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn this week for a Happy and Healthy New Year to Father Michael and parishioners

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Florence & Lester Anderle** will receive the Chalice on **the weekend of January 12<sup>th</sup>**

They as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

01-19 Caroline Anderle

01-26 Jerry & Marsha Anderle

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 423-6687 or Diane Hubbard at 631-1803 to register. Thank you.

Baptism

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ORDER OF SERVICE,  
PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES!**

**Angelus/Rosary** 6:00 p.m.

**Mass** 6:30 p.m.

**Adoration** 7:15 p.m.

**Confession** 7:15 p.m.

**Novena** 7:15 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** 7:45 p.m.

**Reposition** 8:00 p.m.

**Benediction Starting Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NOTE:** Those people going for elective surgeries in the coming weeks are encouraged to consider coming to Confession on Saturday afternoon (4:00 – 4:40) and return for an Anointing of the sick following Sunday or Monday Mass.

**NOTE:** Region 9 Education Service Center Adult Education and Literacy is having their Adult ESL (English as a Second Language) registration. It is to be held Monday, January 6, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm (Night Classes). Students are required to attend a REGISTRATION (**enrollment and testing**), before starting a class.

**Location for Registration** will be at Windthorst High School, Windthorst, Texas. Students must attend a REGISTRATION (enrollment and testing) session to be eligible for classes. Please bring a photo I.D. **There will be no childcare available.** If you have any questions, please call the Adult Education and Literacy Dept. at Region 9 Education Service Center.(940) 322-6928.

**ST. MARY'S PRAYER GROUP** every Tuesday at 7:00am.

**NOTE: Windthorst Senior Citizens**

Will meet **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** at noon and new members are welcome.

**NOTE: ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S SOCIETY**

The Christian Mother's Society will meet on Wednesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> after mass. Meeting will be in the parish hall. See you there!

**THE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, KETTELER COUNCIL #1824**, will meet on **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** after Mass, Rosary & Novena services

**CCD CLASSES** Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm.

**JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** meet Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am mass.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
**NOTE: Finance Council** meeting 7pm, Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** – Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. **As of December 19, 2019, 107 donors have donated for a total of \$17,739.64.** We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$21,400.00. **Please fill out a card, available in the pews or on table as you enter church even if you are unable to donate at this time.**

**ATTENTION SENIORS 2019-2020:** If you are a member of the JCDA or a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, or nephew/niece of a C.D.A. member you are eligible for the Texas C.D.A. State Scholarship. The postmark deadline for the scholarship is January 31, 2020. For more details or an application, please contact Dianne Zotz at 423-6460 or WISD Counselor, Darla Tackett at 423-6608.

**NOTE OF THANKS:** Many thanks to all for the food, cards, prayers and lights during my stay in the hospital and surgery. It was much appreciated. God bless you all for your kindness. Annette Fleitman

**NOTE OF THANKS:** Thanks to The Lorine Wolf Estate for their generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund.

### ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHALICE FOR VOCATION: Wesley & Cindy Idell** will receive the Chalice on **January 12<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. They as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

01-19 Lloyd & Rita Schreiber

01-26 Robert & Edna Krahl

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN** For Better Health For All Suffering In Both Parishes by Jerry & Margaret Smith.

**ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS:** For Uncle Sonny, Aunt Cordella and Family, For Uncle Willie, Aunt Pauline & Family, For Our Parents, Family Safety and Welfare For Logan and Trey, For All Military and Their Families by Laurie, Kenneth & Family; For My Family by Donor.

**ST. BONIFACE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1715** will meet on **Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M.

**ATTENTION ALL SENIOR CITIZENS:** Scotland will have the monthly meeting on **January 12<sup>th</sup>** in the K. of C. Hall at noon. Come and enjoy a meal, fellowship and games. All are welcome.

**ST. BONIFACE PRAYER HOUR** **Mon. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** – Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. **As of December 19, 2019, 25 donors have responded for a total of \$5,529.16.** We are counting

on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$6,200.00. Please fill out a card, available on table as you enter church even if you are unable to donate at this time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**CONFESSIONS: Confessions on last Saturday afternoon of the month at St. Boniface.** Father Michael will have Confessions **every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 at St. Mary**, and on Wednesdays **after** evening Mass at St. Mary's. **Confessions at St. Boniface will be on the last Saturday of the month from 3:15 to 3:45 pm.** If you are unable to make those times, please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail father Michael at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net) for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL** – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net).

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** will be in the home of **Bernard & Pat Scheffe** the week of **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

01-19 Lester & Florence Anderle

01-26 Joey & Gail Schroeder

**V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY** – The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m.

**V. F. W.** will meet **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m.

### PROTECTION GOD'S CHILDREN 2020 CLASSES

Our Lady Queen of Peace **Mon., Jan. 13, 6-9 pm.**

St. Joseph Room **You must preregister online to attend any class at <https://www.virtusonline.org/>**

**Father Michael wishes to thank everyone** for the encouragement he received in letters, cards and the many gifts he received, especially the enrollments in masses, gift cards, cakes, cookies, pies and cash and last but not least the chocolate.

A special thanks to the family that gave me the beautiful bed quilt.

### DEACON VOCATION INFORMATION SESSION

The Office of Diaconate Formation will be holding a Deacon Vocation information Session at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2601 Lansing Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76309 on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 3-5 PM. Men, ages 25-57, and their spouses, are invited to come learn about what the Diaconate is about and how the formation program works. For questions, please e-mail Deacon Scott France at [scottfrance@holyredeemeraldo.org](mailto:scottfrance@holyredeemeraldo.org).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, Renew and Rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is January 17-19, 2020. Dates fill fast To apply, visit our website at <http://dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904. Para mas ormacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmfdw@gmail.com](mailto:emmfdw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

**REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

John Anderle Jr., Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Gus Berend, Kerry Berend, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Gary Brewer, Mark Brockriede, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, John Deason, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Beth Geis, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Billie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Karen Lowe, JoAnn Schenk Klein, C.D. Knoblach, Elsie Koetter, Nick Koetter, Evelyn Krahl, Dee Litteken, Agnes Loran, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Dorothy Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, **Madi Scogin**, Therese Morath, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, John Rife, Bradley Rodgers, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Leonard Schenk Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Vera Ann Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Ernest R. Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Ashley Schroeder, Bruce Schroeder, Carolyn Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, Gayle Vieth, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, . **If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office.** **Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST** –Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Blake Newby (Army), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**NOTE: Light intentions at St. Mary are still a donation of \$1.00 per intention. Yearly Lights are now past due .**

**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** For All those doing cancer treatment by Charlie & Joyce; For beneficial rain by donor; For the welfare of Leona Miller by Mary Lou Schroeder; For Ann Veitenheimer by Annette Fleitman; For +Alfred & Cordella by Cletus & Darla; +Alfred & Cordella by Anna Mae Veitenheimer & Family ; For John Veitenheimer, For Jess Meurer, For Agnes Schreiber, For Nelda Schreiber, For Jim & Lois, For Marie Veitenheimer, For Anna Mae Veitenheimer, For All Those Battling Cancer, For Father Michael, For Our Family By Betty & Doug; Prayers for Matt & Annie, For Bryan, For all Sick & Suffering of St. Mary's & St. Boniface, For My Family; Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers by Beverly Wilde;

**YEARLY LIGHTS:** In Memory of Janice, Ed & Catherine, Lois Luig, Nanci Luig Carr & Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; For World Peace and safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), and Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family by Ralph & Clara; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For Lawrence & Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces and blessings received for our Country, Community and Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; My Family; Deceased of Himmels Family by Ann Veitenheimer; Deceased Al Veitenheimer by the Family; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; Guidance and Protection for our Military Service Men and Women by V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #2676; In prayerful memory of Rusty & Shannon and all my beloved ones from the Green & Lindemann Family, For all my children & grandchildren to always stay close to God and His teachings, For peace in our beloved country. May the Holy Spirit guide our government officials to turn back to God and for our brave military, For all the sick, hurting, lonely and elderly in our parishes, For all faithful priests and religious and for more vocations, May God bless all of my friends who are so kind and helpful to me by Geraldine.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If anyone receives an e-mail, supposedly, from Fr. or Dr. Michael Moloney, Reverend Michael Moloney, or Fr. Michael requesting you to purchase gift cards or to do anything else financially—DO NOT BELIEVE IT!!! (Please let the office know.) Also check if the message comes from an address other than [mmoloney@comcell.net](mailto:mmoloney@comcell.net). If you look closely, it is usually NOT the 940 area code. If Father ever wants you to do something financially or otherwise, he will contact you in person. **This is a scam so please be careful to what you are responding to!!**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF FORT WORTH** – Our Mission is to provide service to those in need, to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society, and to call all people of good will to do the same. Parish Web site: [www.CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org/Get-Involved](http://www.CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org/Get-Involved)

### **PILGRIMAGES**

1. Ireland – April 27, - May 6, 2020. \$3400.00 per person. In the Footsteps of St. Patrick.

**If you are interested, please contact Denise Cooper at (940) 781-3931.**

### **BISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE -**

#### **9 DAYS MARIAN SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE:**

2. Hosted by Diocese of Fort Worth from June 2, 2020 to June 10, 2020. Price \$3,298.00 all Inclusive (except lunches). Roundtrip air Transportation, 3 and 4 Star Hotels, Land Transportation, Taxes Fuel surcharge is included, Professional English-Speaking guide, breakfast and Dinner, Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary and Daily Masses are included. For more details check with [www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com/fwdioc](http://www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com/fwdioc)

### **PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

1 You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. We must "sanctify the day commemorating the resurrection of the Lord" (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation (catholic-holy-days-of-obligation). This requires attending Mass, "and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."

2 You shall confess your sins at least once a year. We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament "continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."

3 You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy."

4 You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. "The fourth precept ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart."

5 You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. "The fifth precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability."

Note that these precepts of the Catholic Church are required, unless you have a legitimate reason for not meeting them. For example:

If you are sick, tending to a sick child, or camping in the wilderness on Sunday and cannot get to Mass, it is not a grave violation to miss Mass that day.

Children, the elderly, and pregnant or nursing women do not have to fast on normal fast days (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD**

O Loving and Gracious God, Father of all, you call each of us by name and ask us to follow you. Send your grace upon those men who answer your call daily by serving in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Your Church is continually renewed by Your priests, who offer sacrificial lives dedicated to the Gospel. Open the hearts of young men to hear the voice of Jesus Christ as he says, "Come, follow me."

Inspire the men you call to priesthood to discern Your Holy Will and to follow Christ by giving them the courage to lay down their lives for their friends. May Mary, Our Mother and Mother of Priests, intercede for these men. We humbly make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

(Please pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Fort Worth.)



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