

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, candlelit 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! - Vocation Bulletin, 2026

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



"I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." *Jeremiah 3:15*



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Bayou Vista

April 26, 2026



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4th Sunday of Easter



I am the good
shepherd: the good
shepherd gives his
life for the sheep.

John 10:11



The purpose of [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#), also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

"A vocation is not a fixed point, but a dynamic process of maturation sustained by intimacy with our Lord. To grow in one's vocation means being with Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to act in our hearts and in the circumstances of life, and reinterpreting everything in light of this gift." — Pope Leo XIV



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Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays 20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:

Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:

Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday—12:10 pm

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MASS Intentions

Tuesday, April 28th - 12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, April 29th - 12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, April 30th - 12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

First Friday, May 1st - 12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

First Saturday, May 2nd - 9:00 am
†Jim Aloisio

Together We Pray
Melinda Frederick, Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlafve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Suttton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., Lynette Rink, Sheila Toups, Priscilla Hebert Sampey, EJ Landry, Dr Keith Comeaux, Brent Driskill, Sharon Rulf Guidry, Wiley Magee, Barbara Cothron, Rhonda Cothron Cook, Cory Spinella Meranta, Layne Aucoin, Steve Bounds, Kate Louviere, V. J. Justilian, Ruth Stanley, Sheila Mayon, Myrna Richie, and a dear friend.

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Liturgical Ministries

Table with 6 columns: Date, Mass, Sacristan, Lector, Min. of Comm., Altar Servers. Rows for Sat. May 2 and Sun. May 3.

First Saturday, May 2nd
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Co. 6211
†Hebert, Zerangue, & Smith Families - Living & Deceased
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Whalen Kiffe
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Alberta LeBlanc †Jean Derise †David Stansbury
†Velma & Eldridge Williams †Murphy L. LeBlanc
†Miranda L. Pennison †Kim Ordogne †Russel Verret
†Curtis & Althea Verret †Sherry Williams
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Gene Bosworth & Joseph Mier Families
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, April 26th
7:30 am
†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Co. 6011
†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell.
10:30 am
†Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society
†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Co. 6011
†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr. †Hannah Casey
†Maddie & Justin Couvillier
†Neat Simon Family - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased.



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PEN FATHER HAND AUTHORITY
SHEPHERD LIFE KNOW VOICE
LISTEN GOOD SCATTERS LOVES
FLOCK RUNS ATTACKS AWAY

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHOLE CHURCH
In every age, the Church depends on people who are willing to listen to God’s voice and say “yes.” That’s what the World Day of Prayer for Vocations reminds us—vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life are not just personal decisions, but gifts meant to serve the whole Church.
Vocational discernment is a process, not a moment. It begins as a quiet invitation from God, but whether someone recognizes and responds often depends on their environment. That’s why all of us share responsibility. One of the simplest and most powerful things we can do is pray.
The example of family life matters just as much. When parents live their faith authentically—through love, forgiveness, and commitment—it leaves a lasting impression.
Encouragement is also essential. If a child or teenager shows interest in a religious vocation, that moment matters. A supportive response from parents can make all the difference.

THE TV IS MY SHEPHERD
I shall not want,
It makes me to lie down on the sofa.
It leads me away from the Faith,
It destroys my soul.
It leads me to the path of sex and violence for the advertiser’s sake.
Even though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibilities,
There will be no interruption, for the TV is with me.
Its cable and remote control, they comfort me
It prepares a commercial for me in the midst of my worldliness
And anoints my head with secular humanism and consumerism.
My covetousness runs over;
Surely ignorance and laziness shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of wretchedness watching TV forever.
(This parody on Psalm 23 in a homily broadcast on EWTN on March 18 2002, Fr. Tommy Lane).

