

December 2021

Monthly Catholic Devotion

Immaculate Conception

“Love your children. In them you can see baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary’s protection.” - St Gianna Molla

Daughters of Mercy
Supporting Priests through Prayer

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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Saint Francis Xavier

Feast Day: December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, co-patron of foreign missions along with St. Thérèse of Lisieux, was one of the seven founders of the Jesuit Order. His travels led to the conversion of thousands throughout Africa, India, Japan and the Philippines. May his continued intercession lead to vocations to missionary work, and native vocations through the efforts of missionaries.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Deceased Deacons of our Archdiocese	2 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	3 Oliver Omega, Seminarist	4 Christopher Pugh, Seminarist
5 Archbishop Richard J. Gagnon	6 Rev. Dominique Kerbrat O.M.I. (Retired)	7 Rev. Aloysius Anyichie	8 Deacon Gilles Lorteau	9 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	10 Vince Diestro, Seminarist	11 Rev. Samuel N. Argenziano
12 Rev. W. Richard Arsenault	13 Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions	14 Rev. Marcelino Bandico	15 Ember Day Deacon Richard Ludwick	16 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	17 Ember Day Rev. R. Darius Biliran	18 Ember Day Rev. Paul Bisson
19 Rev. Michel Boutilier S.J.	20 Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary	21 Rev. José F. Cabral	22 Deacon John H. MacKenzie	23 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	24 Rev. Ceas Chmiel	25 Rev. Monsignor Maurice J. Comeault
26 Rev. Diego Da Silva	27 The Assumption Sisters of Nairobi	28 Rev. Renerio Dayanan	29 Deacon J.A. Conrad Plante	30 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	31 Deceased Priests of our Archdiocese	

In a revival of an historic custom of the Church, I invite you to participate in the Ember Days (December 15, 17 & 18), traditional days of fasting and prayer, for the intention of an increase in vocations. Ember Days are three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set apart in each of the four seasons for fasting, abstinence and prayer.

These days mark the changing of times and seasons in order to bring about deeper spiritual renewal. Our current vocation crisis cannot be denied. Those who are priests and religious need prayers to be strong and faithful in serving the Lord. We need to pray for our priests, for religious and for vocations.