



Remembering Vocations In your Lenten Devotions—2026

Meditation in the words of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV:

“At the heart of Jesus’ passion, we encounter two expressions which encapsulate a great mystery: ‘I thirst’ and ‘It is finished.’ Jesus lacks nothing in his divinity yet he humbled himself and he became one of us, fully human to the point of depending on others. Through Jesus’ example, we see that as human beings we are not able to reach true fulfillment or salvation on our own, we cannot “finish” the mission of our life by simply accumulating power or money. We need the help of those who love and care for us, especially the Lord Jesus.”
...Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life to guide us to Jesus.

February 18, Ash Wednesday

“...Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters.”

Benedict XVI

February 22, First Sunday in Lent

“Receive, Lord, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. You have given me all that I have, all that I am, and I surrender all to your divine will that you dispose of me. Give me only your love and your grace. With this I am rich enough, and I have no more to ask.” St. Ignatius of Loyola

March 1, Second Sunday in Lent

Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He loved nature because it was another manifestation of the beauty of God. "We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." St. Francis of Assisi

March 8, Third Sunday in Lent

“If, in accomplishing a good deed, we do not have as our goal God’s glory and the real well being of our brothers and sisters, looking rather for a return of personal interest or simply of applause, we place ourselves outside of the

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.



For information on vocations, go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations> &
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Gospel vision. In today’s world of images, attentive vigilance is required, since this temptation is great.”

Benedict XVI

March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Great care must be taken to show forth orthodox truth in such a way that if any heretics happen to be present they may have an example of charity and Christian moderation. No hard words should be used nor any sort of contempt for their errors be shown.” St. Ignatius of Loyola

March 22, Fifth Sunday in Lent

“The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will.” St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

March 29, Palm Sunday

"The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ." St. Anthony of Padua

April 3, Good Friday

“But God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always, and hope always, to prefer his will to every wish of my own.” St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

