

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRACE

- On the special dates given by the Vatican, there will be Holy Mass and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that one may obtain the Plenary Indulgence.
- On the First Thursday of each month, there will be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; the Sacrament of Penance will be available. A Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained on these days.
- Every week, the names of 7 priests will be published in our parish bulletin. All the faithful are asked to pray the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* five times each day, in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that these priests maintain purity and sanctity of life. You will be able to obtain a partial indulgence each day that you do so.
- To obtain the indulgence communally, the priest, reader, or cantor will lead the congregation in praying the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* five times each, prior to the beginning of Sunday Masses.
- Every First Thursday, the Mass intention for the day will be for the purity and sanctity of priests.
- During the Year for Priests a relic of St. John Vianney will be present to venerate at certain times throughout the year as a visible reminder of our need to pray for the holiness of priests and in thanksgiving for the many priests who have served us faithfully.
- All of the faithful will be encouraged to write down the names of individual priests who have assisted them in their faith life.

## SPECIAL DATES

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009**  
**Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney**  
**150th Anniversary of his death**

*Confession 6:00 pm - St. John*  
*Holy Mass 6:30 pm - St. John*

**Saturday, June 19, 2010**  
**End of the Year for Priests**

*Festivities to be announced*

### FIRST THURSDAYS

See Bulletin for **Mass time and place.**  
**Confessions** will be heard before and after Mass. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** following Mass.  
**Dates:** Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, June 3

Conditions for a PLENARY INDULGENCE:  
Assist at Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion on one or all of the above days.

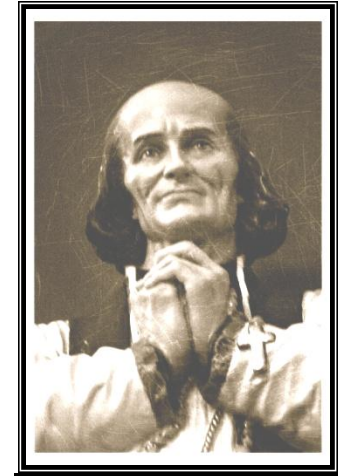
Go to confession and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

Offer prayers to Jesus Christ, supreme and eternal Priest, for the priests of His Church, or perform any good work to sanctify and conform priests to Christ's heart.

Conditions for a PARTIAL INDULGENCE:  
On any day of the Year for Priests, repeat five times the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be*, in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life.

## YEAR for PRIESTS

*Jubilee Marks 150 Years Since the Death of St. John Vianney*



*"Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests"* is the theme of the Year for Priests announced by Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father inaugurated the Year on the 19th of June, presiding at the opening Liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica. He will close the year on the 19th of June 2010, presiding at a "World Meeting of Priests" in St. Peter's Square.

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed St. John Vianney as patron saint of ALL the priests of the world.

This year is an invitation to support, encourage and pray for all priests. It is also a great opportunity to pray and work for an ever-needed increase in vocations to the priesthood.

This short pamphlet offers resources to celebrate this Holy Year.

## **PRAYERS for the Holy Year**

### **Official Prayer for the Holy Year**

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around Your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide Your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the Cross. May Your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

### **An Act of Love - St. John Vianney**

I love Thee, O my God. My only desire is to love Thee, until the last breath of my life. I love Thee, O infinitely loveable God, and I prefer to die loving Thee, rather than to live for an instant without Thee. I love Thee, O my God, and I desire only to go to Heaven, to have the happiness of loving Thee perfectly. I love Thee, O my God, and my only fear is to go to Hell, because one will never have the sweet solace of loving Thee there. O my God, if my tongue cannot say at all times that I love Thee, at least I want my heart to repeat it to Thee as many times as I breathe. Ah! Do me the grace to suffer while loving Thee, to love Thee while suffering, and, that when I die: I not only will love Thee, but experience it in my heart. I beg Thee that: the closer I come to my final end, Thou wilt increase and perfect my love for Thee. Amen.

### **Sanctification of Priests-St. Therese of Lisieux**

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily

purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

### **Prayer for Priests - Archbishop Carberry**

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

### **Prayer For Vocations-Archbishop Justin Rigali**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father, Son of the Virgin Mary, we thank You for offering Your life in sacrifice on the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice in every Mass celebrated throughout the world. In the Power of the Holy Spirit we adore you and proclaim Your living presence in the Eucharist. We desire to imitate the love You show us in Your death and resurrection, by loving and serving one another. We ask you to call many young

people to religious life, and to provide holy and generous priests that are so needed in Your Church today. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

### **A Mother's Prayer - Mothers of Lu, Italy**

O God, grant that one of my sons might become a priest! I promise to live as a good Christian woman and will lead my children to all that is good, wherewith I hope to receive the grace to be able to give to Thee, O God, a holy priest. Amen.

### **Remember**

If the priest is a saint, his people will be holy.  
If the priest is holy, his people will be good.  
If the priest is good, his people will be decent.  
If the priest is decent, his people will be Godless

**Prayers for the Indulgence** - each five times in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life:

***Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.***

***Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***