

OUR LADY OF THE  
HOLY ROSARY - ST. RICHARD



*Vocations*

PRAYER CHALICE

Sponsored by Serra Club of  
Miami, Florida

## VOCATIONS PRAYER

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Heavenly Father,  
in the example of the Holy Family,  
you show us the beauty of a life  
lived in love and service.

Through Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
we learn that you call each of us to  
a special mission.

Help us to respond generously to your  
call—whether it is to marriage,  
single life, priesthood,  
or the religious life.

Grant that our families may nurture  
faith-filled hearts  
and help one another recognize and  
follow your will.

With Mary and Joseph, we ask this  
through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Sunday

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

(John 14:6)

## **A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

From a message on vocations by Pope Francis.

**Lord of the Harvest**, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

**Inspire** all of your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

**Instill** those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

**Unite** us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

**Mother Mary**, mother of all vocations, pray for us.

**St. Joseph**, protector of all families, pray for us.

**St. Junipero Serra**, patron of all Serrans, pray for us that we always go forward, never back, for the glory of God. Amen.

**CONCLUDE WITH AN OUR FATHER..., HAIL MARY..., GLORY BE...,  
AND THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.**

# Monday

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

*“He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct.”*

(1 Peter 1:15-16)

## **PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION**

Adapted from a prayer published by the USCCB

Lord, our God and loving Father, you have made us to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and fulfill our deepest longings. We know that you are in all things and that every path can lead us to you. But of them all, there is one especially by which you want each of us to come to you. Since we will do what you want of us, we pray you send your Holy Spirit to us: into our minds, to show us what you want of us; into our hearts, to give us the determination to do it, and to do it with all our love, with all our minds, and with all of our strength, right to the end. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor. Preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# *Tuesday*

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Mary said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your word."

(Luke 1:38)

## **PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Today, our intention is that we might grow in our love and devotion to Mary.

We turn to you, Mary, Mother of the Church.

Through your "yes," you have opened the door that makes Christ present in the world, in history, and in individual lives.

In humble silence and in total availability, you welcomed the call of the Most High.

May there be many men and women in our day who respond to your Son's invitation: "Follow me!"

Grant them courage to leave family, work, and earthly desires to follow Christ along the road that He walked.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations.

Amen.

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# Wednesday

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

*“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go out and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”*

(John 15:16)

## **LITANY FOR VOCATIONS**

Today, we pray this litany for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life within the Archdiocese of Miami.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**  
God the Father of heaven, **have mercy on us.**  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**  
God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**  
St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Church,  
**pray for us.**  
St. Teresa of Avila, patroness of religious sisters,  
**pray for us.**  
St. Benedict, patron of religious brothers,  
**pray for us.**  
St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,  
**pray for us.**  
St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians,  
**pray for us.**  
St. Stephen, patron of deacons,  
**pray for us.**

St. John Berchmans, patron of altar servers,  
**pray for us.**

St. Junípero Serra,  
**pray for us.**

St. Augustine,  
**pray for us.**

St. Richard,  
**pray for us.**

All you holy men and women,  
**pray for us.**

Through your mercy,  
**send workers into your harvest, Lord.**

Through our prayers and sacrifices,  
**send workers into your harvest, Lord.**

Through the power of the Mass,  
**send workers into your harvest, Lord.**

Through the holiness of families,  
**send workers into your harvest, Lord.**

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, we earnestly implore You to choose among us many priests and religious who will love You with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives making You known and loved. Amen

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# Thursday

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one body.” (Genesis 2:24)

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother—this is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:1-4)

## **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

Today we pray that, if it be God’s will, there might be vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our own family, and that they will be supported through our encouragement. Lord Jesus Christ, we bring to You in prayer the young people of our Church. Give them hearts open to hear Your voice. Help them to be generous in responding to Your call. Give them the grace to persevere in overcoming all the pressures in our world that keep them from embracing and truly living their vocation. Graciously grant to parents a living faith and an ardent love, which will inspire them to encourage their children to live holy lives. May parents genuinely encourage and foster the God-given vocation of their children and help them to respond generously. Let them rejoice when a child of theirs is called to be a priest or religious. May the example of Your life and that of Joseph and Mary encourage parents and children to form holy families and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

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# Friday

## **Sign of the Cross and Reading from Scripture**

Always begin with a moment of silence together, aware that Jesus is present when two or more gather in His Name.

A reading from the book of Psalms:

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek.”  
(Psalm 110:4)

## **PRAYER FOR OUR PASTOR, FATHER YOSBANY ALFONSO**

We pray for our pastor, Father Yosbany Alfonso, that he may grow in holiness, and we pray for our parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary - St. Richard, that from among its members there may be priests and religious to serve the Church.

“Everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts,” St. John Vianney affirmed. “If we had not the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we should not have Our Lord.” Who placed them there, in that tabernacle? **It was the priest.** Who was it that received your soul on its entrance into life? **The priest.** Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? **The priest.** Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? **The priest - always the priest.**

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. To those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, give the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Saturday

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A reading from the Gospel according to John:

*“You are my friends if you do what I command you... It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”*

(John 15:14,16)

## PRAYER FOR PERSEVERANCE OF VOCATIONS

We pray for all of the bishops, priests, deacons, and religious that they may have the strength to remain faithful to their vocations.

We pray in particular for all those in religious vocations who have served and prayed for us. O God, you have consecrated your only begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind. Grant that those whom he has chosen as ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd of the Church, Grant Our Seminarians the necessary wisdom, guided by the Holy Spirit, to succeed and the grace to persevere. Enlighten them in their studies, help them in their difficulties, and sustain them in their struggles to be faithful. O Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, intercede on their behalf. Help them to imitate you in saying their own generous and unconditional “yes” to the ministry of love and divine election to which the Lord calls them.

We ask this in the name of our Heavenly Father. Amen.

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Serra Club of Miami promotes and fosters vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Here in Miami and across the globe via Serra Club International, we help to support vocational programs and seminaries throughout the world.

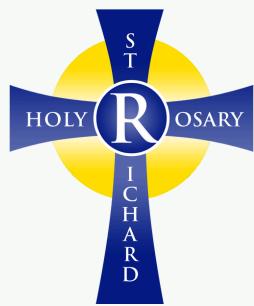
In Miami, we host an annual Advent/Christmas dinner for the Religious Sisters and Brothers.

During the spring, we sponsor an annual Mass and luncheon for altar servers, youth who are nominated by their parish for exemplary service at the Altar.

Lastly, we coordinate an Adopt-A-Seminarian Program, in which we write letters and offer daily prayers to young men in formation discerning a priestly vocation, thus offering our members the opportunity to spiritually accompany these men through their journey to the priesthood.

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