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## The Baptism of the Lord

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

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Vocation to the priesthood and to the consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity. In the universal call to holiness, of particular relevance is God's initiative of choosing some to follow his Son Jesus Christ more closely, and to be his privileged ministers and witnesses. The divine Master personally called the Apostles "to be with him, and to be sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons" (Mk 3:14-15); they, in turn, gathered other disciples around them as faithful collaborators in this mission. In this way, responding to the Lord's call and docile to the movement of the Holy Spirit, over the centuries, countless ranks of priests and consecrated persons placed themselves totally at the service of the Gospel in the Church.

Let us give thanks to God, because even today he continues to call together workers into his vineyard. While it is undoubtedly true that a worrisome shortage of priests is evident in some regions of the world, and that the Church encounters difficulties and obstacles along the way, we are sustained by the unshakable certitude that the one who firmly guides her in the pathways of time towards the definitive fulfillment of the Kingdom is he, the Lord, who freely chooses persons of every culture and of every age and invites them to follow him according to the mysterious plans of his merciful love.

Our first duty, therefore, is to keep alive this appeal to the divine initiative with unceasing prayer. We must pray that the whole Christian people grows in its trust in God, convinced that the "Lord of the harvest" does not cease to ask some to place their entire existence freely at his service so as to work with him more closely in the mission of salvation. What is asked of those who are called, for their part, is careful listening and prudent discernment, a generous and willing adherence to the divine plan, and a serious study of the reality that is proper to the priestly and religious vocations, so as to be able to respond responsibly and with conviction.

From the message of the Holy Father  
for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, MAY 2009

## **Sacraments & Devotions at Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Mass:** (Sept. - May) Saturday - 5:00 pm ~ Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am\* ~ \* Second Sunday of each month (during ONU school year), 11:15 at English Chapel  
On the Fourth Sunday of each month, when ONU classes are in session, there is a Third Sunday Mass at 8:30 pm in the English Chapel.

**Mass:** (June - August) Saturday - 5:00 pm and Sunday - 10:00 am ~ **Daily Mass** (All year): Monday through Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:** Every Saturday - 4:30 - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Communal Penance Services in Advent\* and Lent

\*includes First Reconciliation for PSR Grade 2 students

**Baptisms:** Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to make an appointment with the pastor, at least one month in advance. Baptisms are normally celebrated within one of our Sunday Masses, but may also be scheduled on Sunday afternoons, directly following the last Mass.

**Marriage:** Couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are asked to contact the pastor at least six months *in advance*, in order to meet with him before setting a date, or making any further arrangements. Couples are also required to attend an approved marriage preparation course, in addition to regular meetings with the pastor.

**Confirmation:** Students in Seventh Grade (& any in Grades 8-12 who are not confirmed) prepare & celebrate the Sacrament each year. College students & other adults who wish to be Confirmed should contact the Pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of this sacrament occur twice annually (Advent & Lent). Individual anointings are available upon request, or by appointment. Should you have family or friends in need of the sacrament, please contact the pastor as soon as possible.

**RCIA:** The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process by which an adult becomes a member of the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the Church, please contact the pastor for more information. For preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for children (outside of the Parish School of Religion) contact the Pastor.