




# Vocations Prayer Calendar

## Sept. 2009, Year for Priest



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>James Gonzalez</p>		<b>1</b> For all priests in celebration of the Year for Priests	<b>2</b> For Deacon Candidate Jesse Hinojosa on his birthday	<b>3</b> For Deacon Michael Mantz	<b>4</b> For seminarian John Chavarria	<b>5</b> For Fr. Joseph Lopez
<b>6</b> For Bishop Edmond Carmody	<b>7</b> For seminarian Freddy Villarreal	<b>8</b> For Fr. Kuriakose Ouseph	<b>9</b> For Cathedral seminarian Sean-Michael Hazuda	<b>10</b> For all Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>11</b> For seminarian Jaime de los Santos	<b>12</b> For Pope Benedict XVI
<b>13</b> For seminarian Thang N. Nguyen	<b>14</b> For Deacon Fino Palacios	<b>15</b> For Sr. Mary Natasha Hermann, SOLT novice	<b>16</b> For new seminarian Omar Garza	<b>17</b> For Fr. Pete Elizardo	<b>18</b> For seminarian Eric Chapa	<b>19</b> For seminarian Adam Pena
<b>20</b> For Fr. Gustavo Obando	<b>21</b> For Transitional Deacon Patrick Higgins	<b>22</b> For seminarian Michael Quesada	<b>23</b> For Bishop Emeritus Rene H. Gracida	<b>24</b> For Deacon Paul Moore	<b>25</b> For new seminarian James Gonzalez	<b>26</b> For seminarian Alex Saenz
<b>27</b> For seminarian Chris Becerra	<b>28</b> For new seminarian Mitchell Smith	<b>29</b> For Fr. Eduardo Montemayor	<b>30</b> For an increase in priestly and religious vocations	 <p>Omar Garza</p>		 <p>Mitchell Smith</p>

Please post this calendar in a prominent place in your home, perhaps on the refrigerator door or on the dining room table. Once a day pray **one "Hail Mary"** for the intention of the day or another prayer of your choice seeking God's help and blessings upon that day's intention. It might well be done at meal time along with the blessing before meals. Example: "For Fr. Joseph, we pray 'Hail Mary, full of grace....'"

## YEAR FOR PRIESTS



### **Purpose:**

The Year for Priests is “meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today’s world....”

### **Sacred Heart:**

The Year for Priests began on June 19th, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and will end on the same Solemnity in 2010. This is a day which has traditionally been one of prayer for the sanctification of priests, and so it is fitting that it be the beginning and ending of this special year.

### **St. John Mary Vianney:**

St. John Mary Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests worldwide, and 2009 is the 150th Anniversary of his death.

Known as the Curé of Ars, a small village in France, he ministered not only to the people of the village, but also to thousands of others who came to Ars most especially to confess their sins to God through him.

## SUGGESTED PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

**Heavenly Father,  
please grant to Your faithful servants,  
the grace and strength  
to carry out Your mission  
for the church each day.  
Keep our priests  
close to You and  
continue to inspire them  
to serve others  
in Your holy name.  
Please help to inspire men  
who are called  
to a priestly vocation  
to answer Your call and  
participate in the fullness that You have  
planned  
for them.  
Amen.**

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For Your Reflection:

### **The Beautiful Hands of a Priest**

We need them in life's early morning,  
we need them again at its close;  
we feel their warm clasp of friendship,  
we seek them when tasting life's woes.  
At the altar each day we behold them,  
and the hands of a king on his throne  
are not equal to them in their  
greatness; their dignity stands all alone;  
and when we are tempted and wander  
to pathways of shame and sin,  
it's the hand of a priest that will absolve  
us---not once, but again and again;  
And when we are taking life's partner,  
other hands may prepare us a feast,  
but the hand that will bless and unite  
us is the beautiful hand of a priest.  
God bless them and keep them all holy  
for the Host which their fingers caress;  
when can a poor sinner do better than  
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?  
When the hour of death comes upon us  
may our courage and strength be increased.  
By seeing raised over us in anointing the  
beautiful hands of a priest!

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