

# General Intercessions For Seasons and Feasts

# **Intercessions for Christ the King**

- *Celebrant:* With firm confidence in the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ and hailing Him as our merciful King, we intercede for the Church and the world.
- *Cantor:* For the holy Catholic Church, which extends from one end of the earth to the other.
- For our Holy Father Pope Francis, for the Cardinals and Patriarchs, for our Bishop Paul, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and ministers.
- For virgins, widows, orphans, penitents, and catechumens, and for monks, nuns, catechists, and teachers.
- For this parish, for the diocese of [place], and for all their ministries, apostolates, and good works.
- For the sick, the poor, and the afflicted, as well as for those who bestow the works of mercy.
- For those who have died in the hope of resurrection and eternal life.
- For ourselves, as we raise up in silence the intentions in our hearts.
- Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, grant that your servants may more fully and perfectly unite themselves to Christ our Savior, that all who remain faithful to Him in life may reign with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

#### Intercessions for the First Sunday of Advent

- *Celebrant:* Beloved in Christ, let us gather our petitions to the Lord, who comes to rule the earth.
- Cantor: For the holy Catholic Church, built as a city with compact unity, that the Lord may grant peace within her walls.
- For all of us gathered here in worship, that we may throw off works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
- For the Jewish people, that God would enlighten their hearts to recognize in Jesus Christ the fufillment of every covenant.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, that the Son of Man may lead them into the glory of His kingdom.
- For the members of this parish, that the Advent of Christ in our hearts may bestow on us the peace of His Presence.
- For our friends and benefactors, that this Mass may bring them an increase of holiness.
- For the good intentions that we hold in the silence of our hearts.
- Celebrant: Father of peace, sanctify us in every way, so that our spirit, soul, and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

# Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Advent

- *Celebrant:* Friends in Christ, acknowledging our total dependency on God, let us bring our supplications to the Lord who hears the poor in spirit.
- Cantor: For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop N., and all the clergy, that, like John the Baptist, they may herald the Savior's coming.
- For all who have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire, that the spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord may come to rest upon us.
- For the entire human family, that the earth be filled with knowledge of the Lord as water covers the sea.
- For a world ravaged by war, violence, and political misrule, that Christ our King may cause justice and peace to flower in our days.
- For all members of this parish, that God may grant us to think in harmony with one another and so, with one voice, glorify our Father in Heaven.
- For the benefactors of this community, that the Lord may reward their generosity.
- Let us bring to the Lord in silence the intentions of our hearts.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, on our pilgrimage through this life, open our ears and hearts to the Gospel of your Son, that we may deserve to be gathered into eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

# Intercessions for the Third Sunday of Advent

- *Celebrant:* With humble supplication, let us beseech our Redeemer, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- *Cantor:* For the Pope, the Bishops, the clergy, and all who teach the Faith, that they may strengthen the feeble and make the weak firm.
- For all who do not believe in God or in His Son Jesus Christ, that the Lord may open the eyes of the blind and clear the ears of the deaf.
- For the desert and parched land of the modern Western world, that the Lord may grant us a springtime of faith and make us His instruments for that purpose.
- For each member of the College and of this parish community, that we may beg for the grace to be patient, firmhearted, uncomplaining, and focused on the coming of the Lord.
- For all who have died with faith in the promise of salvation, that they may enter Zion singing and see the splendor of our God.
- For the friends and benefactors of our community, that this mystical sacrifice may further their redemption.
- For ourselves and our good intentions, that the Lord may graciously hear and answer us.
- Celebrant: Almighty God, hear the prayers we offer up to you and save us, for by your power even what seems impossible is granted to those who ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

#### Intercessions for the Baptism of the Lord

- *Celebrant:* At his baptism in the Jordan the Father testified that Jesus is his well-beloved Son. As His adopted children, we raise up our petitions.
- Cantor: That our Holy Father Pope Francis and all shepherds in the Church may imitate John the Baptist as they summon us to holiness.
- That men and women who are not yet baptized or who have fallen away may be drawn towards Jesus Christ, the King and center of all hearts.
- That each of us may renew the commitment of our baptism, renouncing sin and promising to serve God in his holy Church.
- That the dead who shared in the baptism of water, blood, or desire may enter into the everlasting Kingdom of God.
- That families and vocations in our parish may continue to flourish by the grace of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
- That those who support us materially and spiritually may receive an increase of grace from this Holy Sacrifice.
- That the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts may be favorably heard by the Lord.
- Celebrant: Almighty Father, in your mercy hear our prayers, and accept them as the prayers of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

# **Intercessions for the First Sunday of Lent**

- *Celebrant:* As disciples of the Lord, we place our trust in God alone. Mindful of His care for us, we now pray with confidence.
- *Cantor:* That the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, victor over sin and death, may reach every person on earth.
- That world leaders may wake up from the pomp of earthly glory and zealously serve the common good.
- That all people may reject the temptation to "be like gods" over human life and may reverence life as a wondrous gift of the Creator.
- That in this Lenten season may bring grace to our friends and relatives who no longer practice their faith, and that they may return to the Church.
- For the poor and homeless, the unemployed and forgotten, for the sick and the dying and all the faithful departed.
- For for all the parishioners of [---] and for our benefactors.
- For the intentions that we hold in the silence of our hearts.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, have mercy on those who cry out to you, that from your bounty we may receive both pardon and peace. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

#### **Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Lent**

- *Celebrant:* Having been called to a holy life, we now pray for the graces God has prepared for us before the world began.
- Cantor: That in God's mercy both Jews and Gentiles around the world may come to acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, and that the way to peace is to listen to Him.
- That Jesus, who has robbed death of its power, may grant us a Culture of Life, free from the evils of abortion, euthanasia, and all forms of violence and oppression.
- That parents, priests, teachers, and catechists may have the light and zeal to impart the teachings of God's Son.
- For the safety of our military forces, the end of armed conflicts, and the Christian reform of our nation's political life.
- That the members of this parish may continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity.
- For ourselves and our petitions that we offer up in silence.
- Celebrant: Father, hear the prayers we raise to you in faith, and grant that our Lenten self-denial may make us ever more faithful to You, through Christ our Lord.

# **Intercessions for the Third Sunday of Lent**

- *Celebrant:* While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We therefore approach God with confidence to express our needs:
- Cantor: That all who have not yet tasted the living water of the Gospel may find the fountain of life in the Church.
- That all who are preparing to be baptized at Easter may find strength and joy during their Lenten pilgrimage.
- That those who thirst for the waters of life—unborn children, the terminally ill, the poor and oppressed— may receive the love, respect, and care they deserve.
- That those who have died with hope in Christ may be purified of sin and welcomed into eternal life.
- For all those who have asked us for our prayers and for all the members of our parish.
- For our benefactors and supporters that the fruit of these holy mysteries may be theirs.
- For ourselves and for all the intentions that we raise before the throne of grace.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, You sent your Son into the world to seek and to save the lost. In your mercy grant that He may ever seek us and save us, for we are lost without your grace. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

# **Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- *Celebrant:* As we continue our Lenten journey to Easter, let us not grow weary of begging the Lord for all our needs.
- Cantor: That our Holy Father and all bishops be given light and strength to carry out their vocation as successors of the Apostles.
- That those chosen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Easter and all who are baptized into Christ may continue to be enlightened by the Savior of mankind.
- That government leaders may work tirelessly for that justice which is the foundation of peace.
- That our society may be cured of spiritual blindness and rediscover the dignity of the poor, the unborn, and the dying.
- That those who are ill may be comforted and those who have died may be brought to eternal joy.
- For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, and for marriages and families that proclaim the Gospel of Life.
- For all the faithful of this parish and all who support us with prayers and benefactions.
- For our own intentions, that the Lord may graciously hear and answer us.
- *Celebrant:* Father, grant that we may grow in love for your Son, and so receive his gift of holiness, through the same Christ our Lord.

# **Intercessions for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- *Celebrant:* In Christ God has conquered death. We therefore turn to him with confidence to pray for the Church and the world:
- Cantor: That all who hold and teach the Catholic Faith, from the Pope and Bishops to parish priests and catechists, may grow in wisdom as they preach the Gospel.
- That those who are estranged from the Church and those who find no place for God in their lives may hear the voice of Christ calling them to conversion and repentance.
- That public officials may recognize and promote that the right to life is foundational for all other human rights.
- That all who minister to the dying may, by word and example, bear witness to God's healing mercy and desire to save.
- That all who have died believing in the resurrection of the dead may be purified and so enter into eternal life.
- That the members of this parish may receive an increase of divine grace.
- That the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts may be favorably heard by the Lord.
- *Celebrant*: All-Powerful Father, hear these petitions and answer them in your mercy and lovingkindness, for they are made in the name of your Beloved Son, who is Lord for ever and ever.

#### Passion (Palm) Sunday

- *Celebrant:* Christ suffered and died so that we might become children of God. As such, we now pray to the Father.
- *Cantor:* That those to be received into the Church this Easter may be kept strong against all temptations of the Enemy of Mankind.
- That those who have never heard of Jesus may come to know how he suffered for their sins and rose from the dead for their glorification.
- That the saving death of Jesus may restore in us a deep reverence and respect for every human life, for which He sacrificed His own life.
- That during this Holy Week, those in our families and parish who no longer practice the Faith may hear God's call and return.
- That the sick in our community may be healed and the faitful departed welcomed into the joy of everlasting life.
- That our benefactors and friends may be blessed through this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- That the Lord may hear and answer the petitions we raise to him in our hearts.
- *Celebrant:* Father, keep before our eyes the suffering and death of your Son. May we find in him strength for our journey and victory over evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

# **Holy Thursday**

- *Celebrant:* On this blessed night when our Lord commands us to remember in a special way the ineffable graces of the Eucharistic sacrifice, we offer up our prayers.
- Cantor: For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop N., all the bishops and clergy, and all the faithful, that we will deepen our dedication to serve one another through the gesture of the washing of the feet.
- That on this night in which the Lord establishes the priesthood, all priests will recommit themselves to living radical holiness with renewed zeal.
- That the power of the Holy Eucharist, wherein Christ is truly present, will penetrate the hearts of all men and women, making Him the source and summit of their lives.
- That in His mercy Christ will grant peace to the world and conversion of sinners by the triumph of His Holy Cross.
- That all who suffer will find consolation, blessing, and strength in their conformity to Christ crucified.
- Celebrant: Merciful Father, the sacrifice of your Son reveals the greatness of God's love and the path to eternal life. Transform us into your image, that we may become holy and pleasing in your sight. Through the same Christ our Lord.

#### **Easter Sunday**

- *Celebrant:* By his Resurrection, Christ has triumphed over sin and death. We therefore approach the Father now with great confidence.
- *Cantor:* That all mankind may respond in faith to the witness of our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops, and all the clergy as they preach the Good News of the Resurrection.
- That Christians separated from the Catholic Church may be given grace to enter full communion with her.
- That Jesus who conquered the power of death may give our society the strength to eliminate the evils of abortion, assisted suicide, and other crimes against life.
- That the sick may be strengthened and all the faithful departed may share in the light of the Resurrection.
- That all the members of this parish may bear in their hearts the joy and tranquillity of the Risen Christ.
- That our friends and benefactors may be blessed in this season of grace as we offer Holy Mass for their needs.
- That the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts may be favorably heard by the Lord.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have already granted us more than we can ask for in the Resurrection of Christ. As you answer our prayers, make us ever more faithful to him, who is Lord forever and ever.

# Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter)

- *Celebrant:* With trust in the Divine Mercy, we now bring all our prayers before the Lord.
- Cantor: That the Mercy of our Risen Savior may draw all sinners to the fountain of repentance, forgiveness, and healing.
- That all priests may be effective ministers of reconciliation as they administer the Sacrament of Penance given to us by the Risen Christ.
- That our nation's leaders may be awakened from their blindness to God's truth and love before they cause further harm to the world.
- That all the sick, and those who suffer in any way, may be consoled by God's grace and by the care shown to them by His people.
- That all who have died in the peace of Christ may come to share the Resurrection and the fullness of God's mercy.
- That Jesus Christ may bless abundantly this parish and all who lend their support to our efforts.
- For the good intentions that we offer up in silence.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we sinners hunger for your mercy. As you answer our prayers, fill us with the joy that comes from hope, and grant us the life that conquers death. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Third Sunday of Easter

- *Celebrant:* Like the disciples at Emmaus, we walk with the Lord and listen to His voice. Now we entrust our needs to Him with confidence.
- Cantor: For all who do not know the saving Name of Jesus, that together with us, they may come to know Him in the breaking of the Bread.
- For all who have been baptized and received into the Church this Easter, that they may grow in holiness and joy.
- That Christians who hold and seek public office may never be ashamed of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and may do all in their power to promote the Gospel of Life.
- For men who will be ordained deacons and priests this Spring, that they be given the gift of fidelity to their sacred duties.
- That the joy of the Resurrection may fill the hearts of all members of this parish.
- For our donors and supporters, that our Savior may reward their generosity.
- For our own intentions, that the Lord may graciously hear and answer us.
- *Celebrant:* Eternal Father, our hearts are burning within us, for we have heard your living Word. Prepare us now to offer the sacrifice of praise and to receive the Bread of Life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- *Celebrant:* With trust in the Risen Lord, let us offer Him our petitions.
- *Cantor:* That the Pope, the Bishops, and all clergy may be strengthened by the Spirit of the Risen Christ as they proclaim the Gospel to all nations.
- That many in the Church may hear and answer the call to become priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters.
- That as followers of Jesus, who came that all may have life, we may actively oppose all assaults on human life and dignity.
- That the divine Savior may bless our families and relatives with the powerful grace of His Resurrection to new life.
- That all the faithful of this parish may know in Christ the fullness of life He came to bring, and that the faithful departed may enjoy the vision of His glory.
- That our Redeemer and King may reward in His goodness our benefactors.
- For our own intentions, that the Lord may graciously hear and answer us.
- Celebrant: Almighty Father, we thank you for your Son, the Good Shepherd. May we be faithful to Him, as He protects us from evil and leads us to all that is good, for He is Lord forever and ever.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

- *Celebrant:* Jesus is the Way to the Father, because He is Truth and Life. Let us then bring our needs to God through him.
- Cantor: That all men who are to be ordained to holy orders this Spring may by God's grace grow in likeness to Christ the High Priest.
- That all who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage may grow in their love for God and for His Church.
- That we, the People God claims as His own, may bear witness that He alone has the authority to give and take human life.
- That those who have never heard the Gospel may hear it and put their faith in the word of the Lord, and that missionaries be blessed in their labors and vocations.
- That all the faithful departed, especially those dear to us, may be admitted to the blessed vision of God.
- That members of this parish may share ever more deeply the fruits of redemption as we offer up the holy mysteries.
- For our own intentions, that the Lord may graciously hear and answer us.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, Your Son has gone to prepare a place for us. May His Word guide our life's journey and lead us to You forever. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

- *Celebrant:* Having heard God's Word, let us together pray for the Church and for the world.
- Cantor: For our Pope and all the bishops, that they may rejoice to teach the commandments of God and lead all people in the ways of the Holy Spirit.
- That government leaders everywhere may work to end religious persecution and to defend the freedom of the Church.
- That the Prince of Peace may inspire the hearts of politicians to exercise the justice and mercy that bring peace to the world.
- For all students and teachers as we near the end of the academic year, that we may use our knowledge to grow in love and to advance God's Kingdom.
- That the sick and those who suffer in any way may be consoled by the Holy Spirit and by the love of those who help them.
- That all who have gone to sleep in Christ may share in the gift and promise of eternal life.
- That all of us here present, who worship the sacred mysteries, may grow in our devotion to the Lord of Glory.
- *Celebrant:* Father, we ask today for the gift of obedience to Your Truth. In the abiding presence of Your Spirit, grant all that we need. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Ascension

- *Celebrant:* All things have been placed under Christ's feet. Through him, the Lord of the universe, we present our needs to the Father.
- Cantor: That God may strengthen all who are ordained to preach, baptize, and make disciples of all the nations, until the Lord returns again.
- That through the mystery of the Ascension, we may grow in our longing for eternal life with our Lord.
- That through the missionary efforts of the Church, all who have never heard the saving Gospel of Christ may hear and believe.
- That those who suffer from poverty, war, unfair treatment, or illness, may receive strength from the risen Lord to bear their burdens.
- That all the faithful departed may enter into eternal rest, and all who mourn may look forward in hope to the resurrection.
- That the members of this parish may receive blessings in abundance from this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- That the intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts may be favorably heard by the Lord.
- Celebrant: Father, by your Son's Ascension into heaven, you gave us new hope of sharing your divine life. In your mercy hear our prayers and keep us faithful until he comes again. Through the same Christ our Lord.

#### Pentecost

- *Celebrant:* Made strong in faith by the Holy Spirit, we have confidence to present our needs before the Lord.
- *Cantor:* That the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, may increase His sevenfold gift in us who worship and glorify Him.
- That the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, may renew orthodox faith and practice in the Catholics of this country.
- That the Holy Spirit who has spoken through the prophets may inspire in us a profound love for the Word of God.
- That the students completing their year of studies at the College may always be grateful to the Holy Spirit for the gift of knowledge.
- That we who have the Holy Spirit as our Advocate may in turn be advocates for the vulnerable, the forgotten, and the unborn.
- That our Savior may reward in His goodness the College's benefactors, for whom this Holy Mass is being offered.
- *Celebrant:* Eternal Father, in your clemency grant us the continual help of Your Holy Spirit, filling our souls with His gifts of grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

# **Trinity Sunday**

- *Celebrant:* As we worship the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, let us present our needs before the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Cantor: That the God who is one divine nature coequal in three Persons may bring about unity and harmony among the nations and peoples of the world.
- That Pope Francis, our Bishop N., and all shepherds of the Church may powerfully proclaim that man is saved by the truth of faith and the love of God.
- That in adoring the life-creating Trinity, the Church of God may tirelessly preach and promote the Gospel of Life.
- That the poor, the sick, and all who suffer may be filled with the life of the Trinity and experience the loving presence of God's people.
- That all who have died in Christ may come to share in the eternal superabundance of divine immortal life.
- That we who assist at these sacred mysteries may grow in devotion to the Lord and to His people.
- *Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, we praise you for revealing to us the mystery of your inner life. As you hear our prayers, may we grow in faithfulness to you at all times. Through Christ our Lord.

#### For a School Convocation

- *Celebrant:* Almighty ever-living God, coming together in prayer, we entrust to you ourselves, our neighbors, the Church, and the entire human race, imploring your mercies and your blessings.
- *Cantor:* For our shepherds in Christ, especially Pope Francis and our Bishop N., that they be given strength to rule in wisdom the flock entrusted to them.
- For [name of school], that it may receive from God the grace to flourish as a place where truth is loved, and love is practiced.
- For our students, that they may seek the grace this year to study well and to unite their sufferings and joys with those of the Crucified and Risen Christ.
- For our teachers, that the Spirit of Truth will make them guides to wisdom for their students.
- For our friends and benefactors and the parishioners of this church, that God may deepen their faith and bless them and their families.
- For our city, state, and country, that by hearing the Gospel with conversion of heart citizens may come to enjoy true peace and justice.
- For our loved ones who have passed from this world into the next, that the Lord may admit them into His kingdom of glory.
- *Celebrant:* Hear, O Lord, the prayers humbly offered by your Church, and grant them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

#### For a School Commencement

- *Celebrant:* On this day of joyful thanksgiving, let us bring our petitions before the Lord, our God.
- Cantor: For [name of school], that the Lord who planted this seed may cause it to grow and bear lasting fruit.
- For the members of the Class of [year], that being filled with the Spirit of Christ they may bear witness to Him in all that they say and do.
- For the present and future students of our school, that Jesus Christ, Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, may cause them to grow in wisdom and charity.
- For our faculty and staff, that the Father of mercies may rain down His blessings of charity, peace, joy, and all the fruits of the Spirit.
- For the benefactors and friends of this school, that the Father who bestows all good things may reward their gifts for His glory.
- For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishop, N., and all the clergy, that Christ the Good Shepherd may endow them with abundant grace to fulfill their offices.
- For all the needs of the Church throughout the world, and for our own personal intentions, that the Lord may grant them in His great mercy.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we raise up to you, and by the intercession of Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, increase your divine life within us. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

# September 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Celebrant: God has given us eternal salvation in giving us His only Son. Therefore, we know that he will fulfill all our other needs, which we now present to Him with confidence.
- *Cantor:* That the leaders of the Church may ever lift high the Cross of Christ, proclaiming forgiveness and redemption in Him alone.
- That political leaders may look upon Him whom they have crucified, believe in Him, and take hold of the peace and justice only He can bring.
- That all whose lives are marked by great suffering may discover the saving power of the Cross and be victorious in their trials.
- That the sick may be blessed with patience and perseverance, and that all the faithful departed may enter the bliss won by the Cross.
- That the members of this parish may be strengthened in their faith and turn to the Crucified Lord in all their needs.
- That this holy oblation of the Paschal Lamb may enrich our benefactors with the graces that flow from His piercèd side.
- That the Lord may graciously hear us as we raise up our own intentions in silence.
- Celebrant: Almighty Father, we look upon your Son with faith in His resurrection. As you grant our petitions in His name, grant us above all the eternal life which is found only in Him, Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

# November 1 — Solemnity of All Saints

- *Celebrant:* Beloved friends, let our prayers be raised up to God the Father Almighty, whose will is the sanctification of all mankind.
- Cantor: For the holy Church of God spread throughout the world, that the Lord may raise up within her saints to lead and inspire mankind,
- For those who rule and govern, that their hearts may be turned to thoughts of peace and works of justice.
- For each and every member of this community and parish, that persevering in faith, prayer, and works of charity we may attain the holiness God desires for us.
- For the souls of all believers who have left this world, that they may behold God's glory in the company of all the saints.
- For those we have promised to remember in our prayers, that the Lord may bless them with the gifts of His grace.
- For the many people who are not yet members of the Mystical Body of Christ, that they may be drawn to conversion and communion.
- *Celebrant:* Eternal God, look with kindness upon your people, and through the intercession of all your Saints, grant us the good things we need to serve you and protect us from all harm on our pilgrimage through this life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### November 2 — Commemoration of All Souls

- *Celebrant:* Brothers and sisters, we bring our prayers to the Lord of life, the great Judge of the living and the dead:
- Cantor: For our holy Father Pope Francis, for our Bishop N., and all the clergy, that they may lead their flock to the pastures of eternal life.
- For our parents, siblings, and other relatives who have died, that the Lord may admit them to the banquet of everlasting life.
- For our friends and fellow parishioners who have died, that the Lord may raise them up to share in his blessedness.
- For the benefactors of this church and of this [school], that the Lord may reward them with abundant graces in this life and the reward of heavenly joy in the next.
- For all of us here present, that we may never fail to seek and grow in the grace of God in order to persevere in His love until the end.
- *Celebrant:* Eternal Ever-Living God, You have freed the human family from the dominion of the grave. As you hear our prayers made in the name of Your Son, fill us with the blessed hope of life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord.

#### November 9 — Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- *Celebrant:* By baptism we are made the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Gathered in union with the whole Church, let us pray for our needs and those of all God's people.
- Cantor: For Pope Francis, for all the bishops, and for the clergy everywhere, that they be given grace upon grace to build up the Body of Christ through prayer, preaching, and sacraments.
- For all who hold public office in our country, that they may understand and act upon their duty to protect the legitimate rights of all men, beginning with the right to life.
- For all believers who lack a church building, who are persecuted in non-Christian lands, or who suffer in exile, that in His mercy God would grant them a beautiful and secure place in which to worship Him.
- For the conversion of all who do not yet believe in Christ, that the Good Shepherd may call their names and they may heed His voice.
- For all faithful disciples of the Lord, that they may be rewarded now and hereafter in the heavenly Jerusalem.
- For our friends, relatives, and benefactors, that the Lord may bless them through this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, as you hear our prayers, we beg you to make us ever grateful for the gift of the Church, and to deepen our unity with Christ our Head and with all the members of His Mystical Body. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# January 25 — Conversion of St. Paul

- *Celebrant:* We come before the Most Holy Trinity with confidence that our prayers, made in the Name of Jesus, will be heard and answered.
- Cantor: That the shepherds of God's holy Church, in imitation of the Apostle Paul, may be given a boundless zeal for preaching the Gospel to all nations.
- That all Christians may heed the cry of Saint Paul to wake up from sin and glory in the Cross of Christ.
- That the members of this parish and of the College community may continue to learn from Saint Paul how to walk in love so as to edify our neighbors.
- That rulers of nations may cease to trample down the weak and the poor, but instead recognize their rights as children of God.
- That the sick and the dying may draw strength from the example of the apostle who bore great suffering and martyrdom on account of the glorious Good News of salvation.
- That our friends and families may know the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding.
- Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your blessings as we recall the great works you accomplished in and through Saint Paul. In your mercy, grant us a share in his apostolic spirit and make us heralds of the Good News. Through Christ our Lord.

# March 19 — Solemnity of St. Joseph

- *Celebrant:* We turn to God in whom all fatherhood has its origin, and pray with confidence as today we honor Saint Joseph.
- Cantor: Invoking Joseph who watched over the Son of God, we pray for all priests and ministers who serve in the body of Christ and who feed God's people with his body and blood.
- Invoking Joseph the just man, we pray for all in public office who are called to guide civil affairs with justice.
- Invoking Joseph the head of the family in Nazareth, we pray for all families in our community.
- Invoking Joseph the carpenter, we pray for all workers, migrants, the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are in need.
- Invoking Joseph who placed his faith in divine Providence, we pray for ourselves, that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
- *Celebrant:* Loving Father, who teach us profound wisdom in the simple home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, make your home in our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

# March 25 — Solemnity of the Annunciation

- *Celebrant:* With our whole hearts and our whole minds, we pray to you, on behalf of the Church and the world.
- *Cantor:* For peace and unity in your holy Catholic Church throughout the world, and for our Pope, our Bishop, and every order of clergy.
- For concord among the churches, the conversion of unbelievers, and the tranquility of our nation.
- For the rulers of this land, for all who frame and interpret laws, and for the armed forces.
- For this town of Lander and its welfare, for all its inhabitants, and especially for the parishioners of this church.
- For virgins, widows, orphans, captives, penitents, and travelers, for migrants, exiles, and laborers.
- For those burdened by various infirmities and those vexed by evil spirits, and for all who minister to their needs.
- For our friends, relatives, and benefactors, and for our enemies and persecutors.
- Celebrant: Almighty God, in the Virgin Mary you have given us the supreme model of all that we are called to be as disciples of Your Son. Through her intercession make us worthy of His promises, who is Lord forever and ever.

#### **Any Marian Feast**

- *Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, you are glorified in Mary the Mother of God, in whom Your Son found a welcoming faith and love. In union with her we offer You our petitions.
- Cantor: For Pope Francis, our Bishop N., and all the clergy, that with Mary they may magnify the Lord by their witness to the Gospel.
- For ourselves and our families, that with Mary we may rejoice in God for the many graces He has given us.
- For our benefactors, that He whose mercy is on those who fear Him may bless their generosity,
- For young men and women who find in Christ the meaning of life, that He who is mighty may help them discern their vocations,
- For our elected officials and all who hold the reins of government, that He who puts down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly may grant them integrity and love of the common good.
- For the poor and all who are excluded by the rulers of this world, that He who fills the hungry with good things may give them hope.
- For the Jewish people, for those who are separated from the Church, and for all who wander without the light of truth, that He who helped His servant Israel may grant them the gift of faith.
- Celebrant: O Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal Wisdom, by the intercession of Your Holy Mother Mary, receive the prayers of your people and grant them according to Your will, for you live and reign for ever and ever.