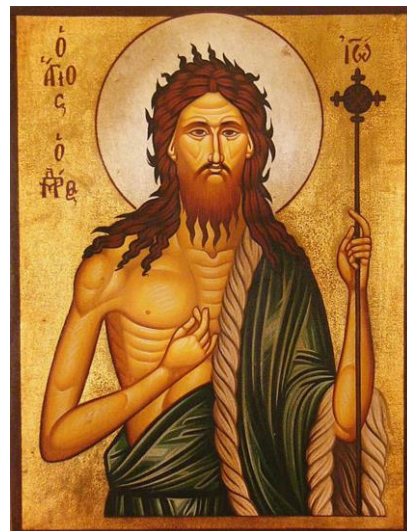


Scripture Themed Intercessions for Vocations for Advent

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

In our first reading the Prophet Isaiah tells us “*And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.*” We pray that those whom the Lord is calling to serve as a priest, deacon or religious will discern to submit their lives into the hand of the Lord, that like clay in the potter’s hand, God will form them into worthy ministers of his Gospel.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

In our Gospel today, we hear how St. John the Baptist was called to be a messenger, “*a voice that cries in the wilderness*”. We pray for those whom the Lord is calling to be his voice, serving as a priest, deacon or religious, that they will hear his call and have the courage to answer.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

In today’s letter from St. Paul to the church in Thessalonica, St. Paul encourages them to pray constantly and assures them; “*God has called you and he will not fail you.*” We pray for those whom God is calling to live their lives in service of the Gospel as a priest, deacon or religious, that they may hear God’s call in their hearts and know that God will not fail them.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the Diaconate and Religious life. We hear in today’s Gospel, that Mary, despite being deeply disturbed – she responded in trust by responding “*Let what you have said be done unto me*” – We pray that those who are being called by God may have the same trust as Mary and respond to God’s call – Let what you have said be done to me.

