



## Fort Worth Serra Club

### RESOURCES FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

**TO:** All Parishes, Catholic Schools, Priests, Catechists, Teachers, Communications Directors  
**FROM:** VP Vocations Patty Bransford, phb76111@yahoo.com  
**DATE:** August 19, 2025  
**RE:** Priesthood Sunday Resources

#### Ideas

1. Write thank-you cards or notes of encouragement
2. Host a parish pot-luck dinner, cheeseboard reception, or coffee hour after Mass
3. Organize an essay, poem, or poster contest (e.g. "Why Father X inspires me")
4. Display a banner or special bulletin cover (#BlessOurPriests)
5. Invite the priest to preach on his calling and the lives of other inspiring priests
6. Pray special intercessions at Mass—especially for vocations
7. Start a "Feed the Priest" initiative—cooked dinners dropped weekly

#### General Intercessions for Priesthood Sunday

- That our parish family may always embrace our priests and sustain their ministry by our love, our constant prayer and our trust in their leadership. We pray to the Lord
- For our priests whom we honor this Priesthood Sunday weekend, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by all people whom they serve. We pray to the Lord
- Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.
- That this parish family may always embrace Father \_\_\_\_\_ and Father \_\_\_\_\_,  
And sustain his ministry by our love, our constant prayers, and our trust in his leadership.  
We pray to the Lord.
- That we may never take the presence of our priests for granted, as we cherish the celebration of the Mass and are nourished by the Eucharist. We pray to the Lord.
- For Father \_\_\_\_\_, our (pastor, associate pastor) in their ministry to the people of (parish name), that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us. We pray to the Lord.
- For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve. We pray to the Lord...

**Blessing Prayers** To be said at the end of Mass by the Deacon or a Serran.

- In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Through our priests, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their soul on fire with love for your people. Bless Father \_\_\_\_\_ who continues Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father \_\_\_\_\_. Let your spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish. May the power of your mercy accompany him and protect him everywhere he goes. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
- Father, You sent your Son Jesus Christ to be our High Priest, and you gave us the gift of the priesthood to continue his saving work. Bless our priests and give us more of them. Make them holy. Strengthen them to proclaim the Gospel of Life and to defend the rights of all, especially the unborn. Bring us, your priests and people to the life that never ends. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY PRAYER for parishioners to pray for their priests.***

- Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their soul on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

**Bulletin, Flocknote or Social Media Announcements**



September 28, 2025

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show the priests in our parish our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! Saint John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a Priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us PRAY for all Priests today, Priesthood Sunday and every day to see their vocation as a blessing and strive to live out their calling to be CHRIST to all!

Did you know? Personal prayer, daily Eucharist, and Liturgy of the Hours characterizes the regular prayer life of sisters, brothers, and priests. Priesthood Sunday on September 28th specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Please make sure you thank and pray for your priests this weekend.