



BISHOP'S LETTER

MAKE STRAIGHT A PATH TO HOLINESS EVERY DAY

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Scripture for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time immediately captures my attention because in each Scripture reading the flow is countercultural. God asks us to think differently, not of this world.

God tells us that our profession of faith to follow Him is not easy; that we are to give up our possessions to know, love and serve Him. He says not to treasure but keep our focus on God alone. The psalmist prays that not our will, but God's will be done that the gracious care of the Lord be ours so that He alone prospers the work of our hands

If we all lived for God, 24-7-365, imagine the beauty of the earth for God's glory!

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DIACONATE CONVOCATION LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2025.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 7 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., continental breakfast, followed by line-up for Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Annunciation Parish

1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

At our 9 A.M. Mass with Bishop Noonan, we will welcome Cohort 2026 as Instituted Acolytes and renew our vows. Our keynote this year is: Reverend Miguel González, Rector of St. James Cathedral. We always look forward to hearing Bishop's thoughts and challenges for our order, and we will recognize the service awards for our diaconate community. As with the Priest's Convocation, it is an expectation that every active deacon in the Diocese of Orlando attend unless previous authorization for an excused absence is received from the Office of Permanent Deacons.

On Friday night we will offer an evening social event from 6-9 P.M., also at Annunciation. This is a time to relax and reconnect in an informal setting with brother deacons and their wives. **Please note there is a second link below to register for the social.**

Use the link below to register for our annual opportunity to unite and connect as one body in the Holy Order of Deacons:

[Click here to register for Convocation, Saturday, October 4th.](#)

[Click here to register for Social on Friday, October 3rd.](#)



FORMATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

You are encouraged to invite all men and their wives who believe they may have a calling to the diaconate to attend one of our upcoming Discernment Nights this fall. All evening sessions are scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M. and should end by 8:30 P.M. The Discernment Night schedule is as follows (inquirers need only attend one of the sessions).

SEPTEMBER 11

ST. JOSEPH

Lakeland

SEPTEMBER 17

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Orlando

SEPTEMBER 18

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Viera

SEPTEMBER 23

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Port Orange

SEPTEMBER 24

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Orlando

SEPTEMBER 25

ST. TIMOTHY

Lady Lake

Ordained deacons are welcome to attend and pray with these inquirers and their wives and answer their questions afterward.



PARISHES IN NEED OF DEACONS

Several pastors have requested additional deacons be assigned to their parishes. If you feel God may be calling you to one of these parishes, or that God may be letting you know it is time to change parishes, please contact **Deacon Dave** to discuss one or more of these opportunities:

ST. ANDREW PARISH

801 N. Hastings St., Orlando | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Leo Hodges

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (WINTER HAVEN)

532 Ave. M, NW, Winter Haven | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Parochial Administrator: Father Glenn Lopez

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

4545 Anderson Rd., Orlando | Needs a bilingual English/Spanish deacon.

Pastor: Father Phil 'Skip' Negley

ST. PAUL PARISH AND SCHOOL

1330 Sunshine Ave., Leesburg | Needs a deacon (bilingual Spanish/English preferred).

Parochial Administrator: Father Stephen Ogonwa



PLEASE NOTE: _____

NEW MASS TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER 5

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by a decree issued June 24, 2025, has confirmed the English and Spanish translations of the Collect and suggested Lectionary readings for the Optional Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta (September 5).

The texts have been posted on the USCCB website. [Click here to view.](#)

NEW MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

In a decree dated Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments promulgated the Latin text for a new Mass formulary entitled “For the Care of Creation.” It will be added to the Roman Missal’s “Masses for Various Needs and Occasions” under the section “For Civil Needs.”

Please note: At this writing, the *only* approved official text is the Latin editio typica. While “working translations” were posted online following a July 3 press conference at the Vatican, the bishops’ conferences around the world still have to approve translations for use in their dioceses. That process has begun, but the translations still have to go through the usual process of review by ICEL, approval by the Bishops of the USA, and confirmation by the Holy See.

Many of you have been asking what can be used on the September 1 “World Day of Prayer for Creation.” An online translation of the new Mass formulary may not be used. But various resources have been prepared and were made available in the May 2019, May-June 2020, and September 2023 edition of the BCDW Newsletter. A bulletin insert in English and Spanish [may be found here](#). Please also refrain from using the phrase “Season of Creation” to refer to September 1 to October 4; this confuses the faithful. While this phrase has become popular in ecumenical and secular circles, no such season has been defined for our official Catholic calendar.



CHAPLAIN

CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED AT ORLANDO HEALTH – ORMC

There is an urgent need for Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers at Orlando Regional Medical Center in downtown Orlando. While our parishes remain the spiritual home for many, the hospital becomes a temporary “church” for thousands each year. Hospital rooms are often the margins of parish life and places where the Church is most needed. Each hospital visit becomes a small liturgy of love, a sacred encounter between Christ, His Church, and those who suffer.

Deacons are uniquely positioned to bring the light of Christ into these vulnerable spaces. In times of medical uncertainty, a deacon’s presence offers calm, reassurance, and hope. Hospital ministry provides a grace-filled opportunity to encounter Christ in the sick through compassionate listening, prayer, and words of hope. The deacon also stands as a witness to resurrection faith which offers the peace of Christ to those facing fear, grief, or death. Volunteers will also help coordinate sacramental needs such as Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation in partnership with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly in this 1,700-bed hospital alongside our chaplains. We are seeking deacons and men in formation to join this important work. The ministry is also open to deacon wives and wives of men in formation who feel called to this ministry and are trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

We invite you to prayerfully consider this vital ministry. The hospital is a sacred place where the wounded Body of Christ is present, where souls long for comfort, and where the Gospel is proclaimed not only in words but through a ministry of presence.

If you feel called to serve, please contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Basilica of the National Shrine of
Mary Queen of the Universe
8300 Vineland Ave., Orlando, FL 32821

REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



SCAN QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1663067](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1663067)



MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, PATHWAYS TO CARE

Learn how to volunteer.

TOURISM

Contact **Deacon Joe Gassman** to learn what is needed to serve at the Basilica.

MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

If you want to learn more about this ministry, reach out to **Deacon Jimmy Avellan**.

IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and may perpetual
light shine upon them. May
their souls and the souls of all
the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace.

Amen.



Memorial Mass

SPANISH - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 8:30 A.M

ENGLISH - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8:30 A.M.

Mary, Mother of God Chapel
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

Happy Birthday

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

DEACON JACINTO ORTIZ	89
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DEACON PETER DIGIUSEPPE	85
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DEACON RAFAEL GONZALEZ	83
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DEACON CARL ORBON	83
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DEACON JOSÉ SERRANO	82
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DEACON DANA MCCARTHY	81
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