

Thursday

A.) Opening Blessing: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

B.) Opening Prayer

Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as Priests and Religious. If you are calling someone in our family to the Priesthood or the Religious Life, please help them to say, "yes". Amen.

C.) Read the following passage

Luke 22:14-20 Institution of the Holy Eucharist
(See Appendix III for Reading)

D.) Reflection: Take a few minutes for quiet reflection and discussion of the scriptural passage.

E.) Intercessory Prayer

Leader: That dedicated men and women may respond generously to the call of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ's Church in the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our Pastor and Parish Priests that God's grace and love will powerfully sustain them in their priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those priests who have celebrated Mass for us and from whom we have received our First Holy Communion (pause and remember them by name), let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

F.) Closing Prayer

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, turn your motherly care to our Diocese. Intercede for us to the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers to the harvest. Inspire vocations in our time. Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim the Good News of everlasting life. Draw them near to the heart of your Son so that they can understand the beauty and the joy that awaits them to be His witnesses. Amen.

- His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

Close with three recitations of The Hail Mary.