

"To know, to love, and to serve God"



May 3, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS SCHEDULE*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm;
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (both Vietnamese)

Monday-Friday (weekdays): 8:30 am & 12:15 pm

Wednesday & First Friday: 7:30 pm

Friday (except 1st Friday): 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Saturday : 8:30 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE*

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE*

Monday & Friday: 11:30 am—Noon

Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

First Friday: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 9:00 am—**Saturday:** 8:00 am

* Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.

** Call Adoration Chapel Hotline for up-to-date information on Chapel schedule: 703-773-2033.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement. Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.



Baptisms: We welcome your new child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.



Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick: God bless you. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



Parish Registration: Welcome. To register as a parishioner of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please let the parish office know.



Initiation of Adults & Children: The RCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email RCIA@stveronica.net for details.


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MASS INTENTIONS

First Saturday, May 2: Saint Athanasius

- * Sally Ann Rooney +
- * Special Intention of Adele Giambrone

Sunday, May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter

- * Sally Rooney +
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * Mary Jo Smith and Family
- * Maria Lee +

Monday, May 4:

- * Chris O'Brien +
- * Kathe Robinson

Tuesday, May 5:

- * John Hunter +
- * Johanna and Romin Zandi

Wednesday, May 6:

- * Joseph Michael Begley +
- * John Francis Ferraro
- * Mary Hager

Thursday, May 7:

- * Forrest Winslow
- * Michael Ho

Friday, May 8:

- * The Nurses and Teachers of Saint Veronica School
- * James Simick

Saturday, May 9:

- * Blanca Clop
- * Oliver Frakes +

Sunday, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

- * Mother's Day Novena
- * Rosemarie Kud +
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * Carol Ann Anfinson +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By order of Bishop Burbidge, all public activities at St. Veronica parish, except Confessions, are suspended until further notice. Private Masses for the scheduled intentions will continue to be offered.

However, the church remains open ALL hours of the night and day for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in private prayer. Page 4 of this bulletin explains how to reserve an hour to be with Our Lord.

Limit of ten people in the church at a time, 6 feet apart.

*Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

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WORSHIP

FROM GREEN TO GOLD — MAY 3, 2020

We have now entered a new month, the month dedicated by the Church to Mary. Friday (the 1st) was the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. As the spouse of Mary this would seem to be an appropriate way to start the month, that we would honor Mary's husband as we honor her in a special way throughout this month. We still find ourselves under our governor's "stay-at-home" order. That is in place until at least this coming Friday (the 8th). What happens after that, time will tell. There are rumors that the governor will open things up a bit, but the question is how will that happen? As such then we have much for which to pray, perhaps invoking the intercession of St. Joseph. We might also ask for his intercession in regards to all of those who are currently struggling financially due to losing their jobs or being affected by reduced hours. This feast day of St. Joseph is all about the dignity of work and how our work here on this earth really is a reflection of the work of God. Additionally, we are working for the glory of God so that someday the glory of heaven might be ours. Thus, again, we pray!

While this month is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, it will look very different. We usually have our school, CCD, and parish May Crownings. The school is doing theirs, but it will be a "virtual" one. Typically, this time of year also is when things warm up, and we see summer on the horizon. Presumably the days are getting warmer, although we have had plenty of rain and some rather cool days, and certainly summer is around the corner. Just what those months will be like is all up in the air as well. Will the beaches be open? Will the boardwalks be places of summer festivity? More importantly, really, will we be able to offer Mass publicly and what will that "look" like? As I mention above, we should know more soon, perhaps the end of this week. Just maybe we could even have public Masses by next weekend, which includes Mother's Day. First Holy Communion should have been this coming Saturday, but that too has been cancelled. We're hoping to hold a First Communion ceremony as soon as possible, but here too there are many unknowns. In the midst of this, we all have to remain positive and patient. We have to have faith. We can't lose hope. We have to trust that somehow God will truly provide, for He will, but maybe not in the exact way he were expecting.

It does seem things are getting better in general, but we also know people are still sick with this virus. To date there is no vaccine to safeguard against this infection. Currently there is no antidote to counteract this disease. So people are still getting sick and sadly some are still dying of this horrific scourge on our world. Close to home, some of you may have known Jim, who lived at Dulles Nursing Home and truly was a devout Catholic. He loved his Faith. He had a great devotion to Mary as well as to St. Gertrude. He loved the Mass and made arrangements to be picked up daily from Dulles to come to Mass here at St. Veronica's. He often used a walker and would shuffle into church. He was hard to miss. He was prone to shout out exclamations of faith, when the Spirit moved him. I know a few did not appreciate this, but it was this man's simple but sincere faith that truly was so inspiring. He was very upset when he learned that the nursing home would be on shut-down status and that the residents wouldn't be allowed to leave, nor could anyone visit them. He was utterly devastated that he could no longer come to Mass, daily or Sunday. The Mass really was his lifeline. In addition he really lived the Faith. He encouraged Catholics at Dulles to pray the Rosary and attend the twice monthly (although not currently) Mass there. He urged lapsed Catholics to return to their Faith and non-Catholics to consider converting to Catholicism. He may have struggled to physically walk, but he did "walk the walk," as they say. In some ways as social as Jim was and with his other health issues, it was no surprise when we learned that he had been infected with Covid-19. After weeks of suffering through this illness, he was called home on a Sunday, last Sunday, by God. Fr. Dyer had anointed him, and it is now our prayer that Jim, and others like him, will be granted the mercy of God and welcomed into the glory of heaven. May he rest in peace!

On a very different note, I do want to again thank everyone who has been so generous to St. Veronica's since all of this has begun. I do also want to encourage you to continue that generosity if at all possible. Also if you are not using the Faith Direct electronic means of giving, you might consider switching over to it as it does help to make regular donations to the parish. It does remove the monthly or weekly consideration of how to be charitable, but to be honest it is beneficial to the parish, so, just a thought. Thank you! Please know all of you continue to be in our prayers. God bless you, and may Mary intercede for us, this month and always. ~ *In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day and the first day of our Mother's Day Novena of Masses. Novena cards are now available in the south vestibule and in the parish office. You may place small envelopes, with the names of your loved ones written out, in the Poor Box in the north vestibule and the larger ones in the votive candle box behind the confessionals. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during this Novena to share in the spiritual benefit of these holy Masses. Any donation included will be gratefully accepted. You also may leave your names with the parish office, especially if you donate through Faith Direct—we will make sure that they are also placed on the altar.

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. VERONICA

In the temporary absence of public Masses and our ability to receive the Holy Eucharist, we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Veronica. Please help to make sure that we have at least one committed adorer every hour to be with Our Lord—go to Sign up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/rreele9>, or simply click on the orange bar on the home page of our website, www.stveronica.net.

We ask that you help us adhere to the 10 person limit within the church and six foot distance. Be sure to sign in at the table near the confessionals. Look for the free resource, "How to Make a Holy Hour." If you sign up for an hour between 9:00 pm and 8:00 am, contact 301-728-7855 for the security code.

Currently, many Catholics are denied the great gift of praying in His Presence. This opportunity is for us a tremendous blessing!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Carly Desiree Kane, Gianna Therese Audino, and Haven Marie Elizabeth Toder who were baptized at St. Veronica in **March**.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome on behalf of St. Veronica Church to the following individuals and families who joined our parish in **March**: Brian & Diana Benway and family; Patrick & Christina Jacobeen; Christine Parvin; and Aina Rapatan.

FARMERS' MARKET UPDATE

The opening of a farmers' market at St. Veronica is currently on hold. FRESHFARM, which operates the market, will update us when information is available.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Zips Dry Cleaners

"Dry Cleaning • \$2.49 Expert Alterations"

3856 Dulles South Ct. Suite E, Chantilly; 703-263-1806

Please support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

SPECIAL INTENTION RECOGNIZED WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on either side of the altar of repose **this weekend, May 2nd and 3rd**, were donated in memory of Gerald Otto Martin by his family. Please keep this intention and our donor in your prayers.

CONTRIBUTING TO ST. VERONICA

Thank you to all who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes. Your donations help Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer continue the mission of St. Veronica. For your safety and that of our parish staff, and in keeping with the distancing directives, parishioners who currently give with envelopes should mail their donations to the parish office, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA, 20151, or place them in the Poor Box in the north vestibule. Please place larger envelopes in the votive candle box if they will not fit in the Poor Box slot. Be certain that your name and the designation for your contribution is on the envelope. If you know your parish envelope number, please include this also. Please do not give the envelopes to the priests or another staff member.

Faith Direct is available for one-time or ongoing contributions to the parish. If you use your bank account, and not credit/debit card, there is no fee to the parish. If you use a credit card, we ask that you consider adding the processing fee option to alleviate some of the cost to the parish. Go to www.faithdirect.net, and use church code VA92. If you have any questions, please email Michele Sharon at msharon@stveronica.net.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2020

May 3rd, Monthly Mortgage & Mother's Day Novena; May 10th, Parish Special Needs; May 17th, Diocesan Retired Priests; May 24th, Catholic Communications Campaign; and May 31st, Monthly Mortgage. Make sure to specify how you would like your donation designated if you use your own envelope.

CORNERSTONE

Sunday Offertory

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| Weekend of 4/26/2020 | \$ 4,523.00 |
| Faith Direct 1 of 4 Weeks/April (updated)* | \$ 14,417.08 |

Monthly Mortgage

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| Weekend of 4/26/2020 | \$ 2,211.00 |
| Faith Direct 1 of 4 Weeks/April (updated)* | \$ 5,635.50 |

Special Collections

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| Mother Teresa/Poor Box 4/26/2020 | \$ 1,477.98 |
| Faith Direct/April | \$ 1,420.00 |
| Easter (updated) | \$ 6,232.00 |

Diocesan/National Collections

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| Holy Land Shrines | \$ 841.00 |
| Faith Direct | \$ 1,226.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ 170.00 |
| Faith Direct | \$ 701.00 |

401 Families Donating through Faith Direct

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

EDUCATION, CATECHESIS, AND EVANGELIZATION

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAITH

Although the public celebration of Mass is suspended, divine law to honor the Lord's Day remains. It is up to you to lead your family in worship and pray to the Triune God. To help your domestic Church, St. Veronica suggests either individually or as a family you:

1. Tune in to a televised, live-streamed, or recorded Sunday Mass;
2. Spend an hour with Our Lord in adoration in the church; **OR**
3. Read the Readings of the Day (see this page) and then pray the Holy Rosary; **AND in any case;**
4. Make a Spiritual Communion.

Adoration

At a time when you are deprived of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, this provides an opportunity to be closer to Our Lord than even watching Mass online. Go to page 4 for sign up information.

Some Mass Opportunities

- * St. Veronica's 9:00 and 10:45 am Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Easter will be live-streamed and recorded on **May 3rd**. In addition, view **daily Mass** at 7:15 am during the week and 8:15 am on Saturday, on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from the home page of our website. (Please be sure to subscribe to the channel.)
- * Go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources/> for a list of Arlington Diocese live-stream Masses (plus prayer guides and other resources).
- * The Arlington Diocese co-sponsors a televised Sunday Mass with the Archdiocese of Washington at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, available at 10:30 am on Sundays on two local TV stations as well as online. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/sdln7bn> for more information or to view the Mass.
- * Eternal Word Television Network broadcasts Mass on Sunday (and every other day of the week) at 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm, and midnight. Go to ewtn.com/tv/weekly-grid for the complete schedule. The "Channel Finder" tab will help you find your local station.

Summary of Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as He did for them. Healed by His wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe His care for His sheep. He also says He is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer with Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer Say Morning and Evening Prayer together with our priests. During the week, go to our YouTube channel at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm. On the weekends, morning prayer is at 8:00 am; evening prayer is at 5:30 pm.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday Easter

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

THE HOLY FATHER'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION

Evangelization: For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Q. Is it allowed to pray to the crucifix or to the images and relics of the Saints?

A. It is not allowed to pray to the crucifix or images and relics of the Saints, for they have no life, nor power to help us, nor sense to hear us.

Q. Why do we pray before the crucifix and the images and relics of the Saints?

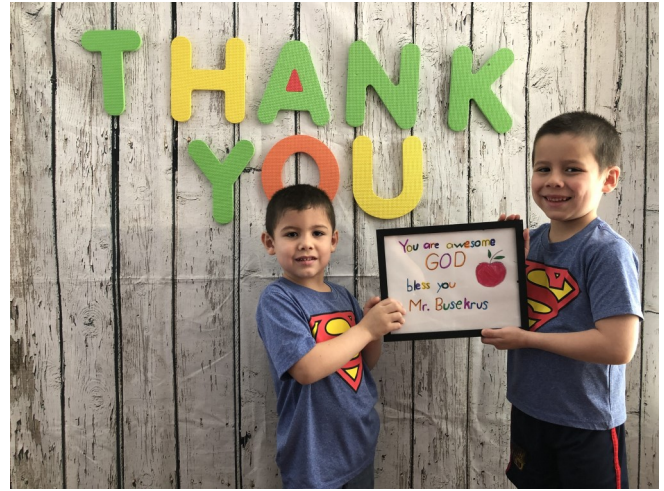
A. We pray before the crucifix and the images and relics of the Saints because they enliven our devotion by exciting pious affections and desires, and by reminding us of Christ and of the Saints, that we may imitate their virtues.

A Message from St. Veronica School

Wishing a wonderful National Principals Day 2020 to Mr. Busekrus!



Leadership is about making others better in your presence. Hats off to our principal, Mr. Michael Busekrus, who has been a blessing to St. Veronica Catholic School! We are grateful for him being the head of our team, a role model, a visionary. He is humble, innovative, collaborative, unleashes potential while developing others, and cares for each student, family, faculty and staff member.



This coming week we will look forward to celebrating our St. Veronica Catholic School Teachers. The week of May 4th is Teacher Appreciation Week at St. Veronica. We will be showing our love and appreciation for our team of teachers by having our students hold up signs at our virtual Flag Ceremony, Monday through Thursday.



During Flag Ceremony, Mr. Busekrus will recognize the Lower School Team on Monday, Middle School Team on Tuesday, and our Specialists/Resource/I.A. Support Staff on Thursday. On Wednesday, May 6th, we will celebrate National Nurse's Day. Our students will be holding up a **Thank You!** sign for our nurses to be honored and recognized.

APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

youthapostolate@stveronica.net: Young Hearts on Fire with the Love of Christ
A dynamic youth ministry for young people in grades 6-12



How do I find out more information about youth ministry at St. Veronica?

We send out regular email updates to parents. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please let us know. We are also posting up to date information on our webpage on the parish website.

Are youth activities cancelled during the COVID-19 situation?

At this point in time, all in-person youth activities have been cancelled until further notice. However, we are so excited to share that we are still holding many gatherings online! We invite all youth in grades 6-12 to join us! We are using Zoom video conferencing as our platform and do so with the permission of Fr. Kleinmann and within the safe environment guidelines of the Arlington Diocese. Zoom can be used on a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or other smart device. Our current schedule of events includes a weekly family rosary, devotionals for high school and middle school youth, IGNITE Middle School Ministry, and more! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net if you have any questions about how to join our Zoom ministry meetings. You will need to email us to receive the meeting link and password for the gatherings.

Youth Apostolate Schedule

We hope to "see" you on Zoom during these events.

Sunday, May 3rd, 1:30 pm: Family Rosary

Monday, May 4th, 12:30 pm: Middle School Devotional

Monday, May 4th, 3:00: College-age Rosary

Monday, May 4th, 5:00 pm: High School Boys' Discipleship Group with Fr. Dyer

Wednesday, May 6th, 5:00 pm: Mother/Daughter Bible Study

Thursday, May 7th, 3:15 pm: ENDOW for Middle School Girls

Friday, May 8th, 12:30 pm: Middle School Devotional

Friday, May 8th, 7:30 pm: IGNITE Middle School Ministry

Bonds of Love: Dear Parish Family, Youth Apostolate would like to invite everyone to participate in our "Bonds of Love" spiritual exercises over the coming weeks. Here's what we need to do. In these days of uncertainty, and for as long as the social distancing protocols have us physically separated, we invite you to join us in our efforts to remain spiritually connected. Every day, as a community, we have the opportunity to engage in spiritual and corporal works of mercy, acts of love where we can extend mercy to one another. We would like to create a physical representation of all of the works of mercy that we will each complete or receive as we pray for one another. Therefore, we are asking everyone to create a paper chain representing our communion. The chain will contain notes of received graces and of offered prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy. Together we will pray for an end to the COVID-19 situation and all other related intentions. Each day, write down your experiences of being loved and your works of mercy on thin strips of paper, attach them together using staples, tape, or glue to make a chain. Keep adding to your chain every day. At the end of the COVID-19 situation, we will hold a great celebration where we will all come together and attach our individual prayer chains into one long physical expression of our union in these difficult times. Use whatever color or style of paper you want . . . just keep praying and engaging in works of mercy! Let's see if we can make a chain long enough to surround our parish building! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net for more information or inspiration.

"And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body." - Colossians 3:14-15

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

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| May 3 | Rev. Hagos Tesfagabir Haile |
| May 4 | Rev. Gregory Thompson |
| May 5 | Rev. Christopher Tipton |
| May 6 | Rev. Liem Tran, O.P. |
| May 7 | Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran |
| May 8 | Rev. Augustine Tran |
| May 9 | Rev. Clarence Trinkle |

DIVINE MERCY CORNER

"At three o'clock, implore My Mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My

Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great Mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion. . . ." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary* 1320. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended."

ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

During this trying time, if you are in need of assistance, please email the parish office, info@stveronica.net, so that we can help or direct you to other resources.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514, or write michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

God and Father of all creation,
Your Son Jesus Christ, by His
passion, death and resurrection,
reigns as High Priest forever.

Raise up from this parish of
Saint Veronica an abundance of
vocations to the priesthood, devout
men who are willing to follow in
the footsteps of Your own beloved
Son by giving generous service to
the Church as priests of the
New Covenant.

Father, we ask for this grace,
through the intercession of Mary,
the Mother of Your Son,
Jesus Christ,
in Whose Name we pray,
for He lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.