



Hi everyone! I am grateful to Matt for hosting our Trunk-or-Treat this past Saturday! These are great events to get people on our campus and reach out to the community. These types of events are really good for us to ask family members or friends who have fallen away from going to Mass and practicing their faith. Often people are not ready to come back to Mass but might be willing to bring their kids up for one of these events. Every "yes" counts even if it is baby steps.

This weekend the Diocese of Cleveland celebrates Priesthood Sunday. We are very blessed to have over 50 young men in our seminary discerning the Priesthood for our Diocese. The Bishop ordains on average 3-5 men each year and this upcoming spring we have 7 men getting ordained! This really is great news and they are really solid men of God. I know sometimes we hear the same message over and over about a shortage of priests but we should be encouraged by the awesome men in the seminary and that numbers are staying steady. It is always true that we could use more vocations but please be encouraged by what we do have. We thank God for calling these men, and we pray and support them in their journey.

As a parish, it is important for us to cultivate a culture of vocations. What I mean by this is that we want our young people to be actively discerning where God is calling them. As we know, from our baptism, God has a special call for each of us. We know many are called to marriage which is awesome! Some are called to priesthood and/or religious life. All people share the calling to be holy and to be a saint which really is the most important call to embrace. Each of us should be seeking holiness in our lives by walking each day with Jesus, coming frequently to the sacraments for spiritual nourishment, and be intentional about spreading the faith. We use the word "discernment" to describe the process of prayerfully understanding where the Lord is leading a person in their life. Sometimes this is more obvious than others.

Couples discern marriage when they date. This is what dating is for! During a dating time period a couple is getting to know one another and basically seeking the Lord's will if they are to get married. They come to understand this over time. Seminary life is a time of discernment and its analogous to dating where the man has an opportunity to enter into formation for the priesthood while asking God the question, "Is this my calling?" There are various ways this will become obvious over the course of several years through prayer, personal assessment, field education assignments, and discussion with faculty members.

If you know of a young man who would be a good priest I would invite you to share that with him. Please do not overwhelm him but just simply share that with him. God speaks to us in different ways and one of them is through each other!

In general, we want to build a culture of vocations at Our Lady of Guadalupe which simply means we are inviting young people to ask God where He is calling them in their lives. Our goal is to help people seek God's call and respond to it!

Who do you know that might make a good priest? Have you shared that yet?

Fr. James

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, October 27- OT 30B

- Mass, CH..... 8:30 am
- PSR (All Rooms) ..... 9:30-10:30am
- Mass, CH..... 10:30 am
- Boy Scout Troop 882, TE & TI ..... 6:00-7:00 pm

## Monday, October 28

### SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles

- Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel..... 9:00 am-8:00 pm
- Coffee & Conversation, MR ..... 10:00 am
- Mass, CH..... 12:00 pm
- PSR (All Rooms) ..... 6:30-7:45 PM

## Tuesday, October 29

- Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel..... 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Mass, CH..... 12:00 pm
- Bible Study, TE..... 6:30 pm
- Guadalupe Ringers, CH ..... 6:30 pm

## Wednesday, October 30

- Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel..... 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Rosary, CH ..... 6:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study, JD ..... 6:00-7:00 pm

## Thursday, October 31

### HALLOWEEN



- Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel..... 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Blood Drive, CRR ..... 1:00-7:00 pm

## Friday, November 1

### All Saints

- Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel..... 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Mass, CH..... 12:00 pm
- Mass, CH..... 7:00 pm

## Saturday, November 2

### All Souls

- Padre Pio Group Rosary/Mass, CH ..... 8:00 am
- Confession ..... 3:30 pm
- Mass, CH..... 4:30 pm
- All Souls Prayer Service, CH ..... 6:30 pm

## Sunday, November 3 - OT 31B

- Mass, CH..... 8:30 am
- PSR (All Rooms) ..... 9:30-10:30 am
- Parent Session ..... 9:30 am
- Mass, CH..... 10:30 am
- Boy Scout Troop 882, TE & TI ..... 6:00-7:00 pm
- Confirmation Class Gr 8 & 9, MR/JD ..... 6:00-7:30 pm

