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Holy Orders and Matrimony

A vocation is God's call to us to love and serve him and others. Every Christian has a vocation, and there are many different vocations within the Church. The sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony celebrate two vocations that people choose as paths to holiness.

ACTIVITY

Celebrating Marriage Celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony by preparing a special meal for your family. Decorate the table with flowers and candles and make a delicious dessert.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

On the Web

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Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Saint Philip Neri
(1515–1595)

Saint Philip was born to a noble but poor family in Italy. As a young man, he ministered to pilgrims in Rome, providing them with food and shelter. At age 35, Philip became a priest. He is remembered today for his great love of God, cheerfulness, and sense of humor.

Patron Saint of: Rome
Feast Day: May 26



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

We are your children, Lord, and we want to do your will. Help us to hear your voice and discern the special work you are calling us to do. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Jesus Institutes the Priesthood God the Father entrusted to Jesus the mission of salvation for all people. In turn, Jesus chose the Apostles and their successors to continue his saving work on earth. At the Last Supper, when Jesus commanded the Apostles to “Do this in memory of me,” he instituted the Apostles as priests, that they may offer his Body and Blood for themselves and for others. The Sacrament of Holy Orders consecrates priests to preach the Gospel, shepherd God’s people, and celebrate the worship of God.

Read a Gospel account of the Last Supper in Luke 22:14–20.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Literature

G. K. Chesterton Born in London, England, in 1874, Gilbert Keith Chesterton became one of the most influential and prolific writers of the twentieth century. He worked primarily as a journalist, yet also wrote nearly a hundred books, hundreds of poems, and more than 200 short stories. His biographies on Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Thomas Aquinas are considered classics. Chesterton’s greatest success, however, came with his Father Brown series about a Catholic priest and amateur detective who solves crimes, using his Catholic faith, intuition, and knowledge of human nature.