

## CHANGES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29

The priests of the Diocese of Columbus will be joining Bishop Brennan for a 4-day convocation from Monday, September 30, through Thursday, October 3. This is both rare and exciting, as the time they spend together will help shape the future of our diocese. At the same time, we get a glimpse of what the Church would look like with no priests! There will be no Masses offered by diocesan priests anywhere in the diocese.

Yet, we are still called as a community to publicly pray for one another, for the Church, and for the world. We will do this in the following ways:

- At 8:20 a.m. on Monday September 30, Dcn. Steve will expose the Blessed Sacrament in the church. There will be perpetual adoration in the church until 9 a.m. Thursday, October 3. Dcn. Steve will then transfer the Blessed Sacrament back to the Mercy Chapel.
- Dcn. Steve will offer morning prayer at 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 30 through Thursday October 3. He will also offer evening prayer at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, in the church, all within Eucharistic adoration. Worship aides will be provided, and morning and evening prayer will be accompanied by music.
- As a parish, we will pray a novena to St. John Vianney, patron saint for priests, on Wednesday, September 25, and concluding on Thursday, October 3. The novena is below.

The parish's sacramental emergency line will be available during the convocation, and other parish programming and operations will continue normally during this time.

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY NOVENA

**Day 1 (September 25):** St. John Vianney, you were blessed with a loving and devout family who supported your desire to increase your faith and devote yourself fully towards imitating the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. In your quest to pursue your holy vocation, you were not deterred by the many obstacles that came your way. Your strong faith carried you through all of life's trials to your place in God's kingdom. Obtain for me the same courage and faith that allowed you to give all to God without counting the cost. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide me to the right decisions that will best serve God and my neighbor. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 2 (September 26):** St. John Vianney, you dedicated your life towards saving souls for the greater glory of God. You were even blessed with an almost supernatural ability to obtain funds to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. You freely gave of yourself in imitation of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Teach me also to see God in each person regardless of their station in life, and despite any wrongs they may have done to me. Help me to see service to my fellow men as a responsibility that I need to fulfill, to gain a chance to live with you, with our Lord, and all the saints for all eternity. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 3 (September 27):** St. John Vianney, your successful journey to the priesthood is a testament to your determination to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Your life as a priest is a shining example of what we should expect from the chosen leaders of God's flock. Your perseverance in the face of many hardships has saved numerous souls. By contemplating on your life, may I be imbued with the same determination to be the best that I can be in the many roles I play in life. Let everything I think, say or do benefit my neighbor and lead me ever closer to our Heavenly Father. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 4 (September 28):** St. John Vianney, when you saw social ills and sin in your parish, you sparked moral and spiritual renewal through your homilies and work in the confessional. Your unrelenting efforts to win back souls to God's grace has caused many to repent. By your soft words you were able to convert many sinners like me. Pray for me that God may bless me with the same outrage for sin and for me to have the compassion for sinners as you did. Let me choose my words carefully, lest I cause injury to my brothers. Inspire me to regularly seek reconciliation with our Heavenly Father through the worthy reception of the Sacraments, in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 5 (September 29):** St. John Vianney, God's grace saw you through all the trying moments of your life. Inspired by the example

of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sacrificed your entire life in order to serve him fully. Your complete trust and surrender to His will allowed you to enter priesthood in spite of the many trials you had to endure. Obtain for me the same complete trust in the will of God, that will allow me to see hardships and trials as sacrifices I need to joyfully accept in His name. Let my anxieties and uncertainties be replaced by great faith in our Heavenly Father who is the source of all that is good. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 6 (September 30):** St. John Vianney, you rejoiced at every opportunity to spend time in prayers and contemplation. Your dedication was such that, had it not been for practical considerations, your bishop would have granted your wish to be a monk. Teach me the power of prayer, that I may slowly understand God's will for me. Obtain for me the conviction that through fervent prayer, nothing is impossible. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 7 (October 1):** St. John Vianney, in life you have shown your veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. To this end you spent long hours in the confessional to help the faithful become worthy to receive the holy sacraments. Obtain for me the fervent desire to always remain worthy to receive the holy sacraments that I may also one day be rewarded with God's favor, and spend life in His kingdom with all the saints for all eternity. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 8 (October 2):** St. John Vianney, you lived a simple and austere life, preferring to store riches in heaven. You never turned your back to any of the poor people needing your assistance. Pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten me and remain with me always so that I too may learn to forego material possessions to earn God's grace. May I always value my spiritual health over all the wealth in the world. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.

**Day 9 (October 3):** St. John Vianney, you never let an opportunity to enlighten people and save souls pass you by. Through your efforts, many people have experienced moral and spiritual renewal. Pray that God grant me the same zeal to make His love known to all my neighbors, so that all of us may learn to despise all forms of sin. Let all my actions reveal an awakened love of God by through my interactions with my fellow men. Believing in the power of your kind intercession, I humbly ask you to pray for me and the special intention I am hoping God will grant me through this novena. (Here mention your special intention.) St. John Vianney, Priest of Ars, pray for our priests, and pray for us. Amen.