

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
General Intercessions**

**October 17, 2021**

**Our Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. This month, we celebrated the ordination of our new deacon, John Langlois. As we give thanks to God for this gift to our community, we pray as well for vocations to the ordained life-- that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of our young people and their families to entertaining and following God's invitation to a life of service and holiness.

We pray to the Lord,

2. Our parish community is connecting those who need work with those who have work that needs to be done. This is in addition to other efforts in the parish and diocese to meet the needs of the community during this difficult time. As we consider this, we pray for all those who are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the epidemic-- that the Holy Spirit bless them and that the efforts of the community relieve and sustain them.

We pray to the Lord,

3. Earlier this month, the Church in France provided its first accounting of the global problem of sexual abuse. Three thousand abusers and 200,000 victims were documented in the report, which covered seventy years. As we consider the scale of this problem, we pray that the Church continue to take steps to address abuse at all levels and that we all work to help victims to heal and the Church to reform.

We pray to the Lord,