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Chapel Hours
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday:
8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Other hours are by appointment.

Office hours
Tuesday—Friday
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
or by appointment

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS

If you'd like to join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket, mail to Post Office Box 998, Athens, AL 35612 or bring to the church office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/6	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: 5:30 Rosary, 6 pm Mass & Penance Service followed by Confessions
12/8	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Masses 8:30 am & 7 pm
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00 am Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2011

*Adapted from: Sermon 22: Watching
by Blessed John Henry Newman*

“Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.”
Mark 13:33

OUR SAVIOUR GAVE THIS WARNING when He was leaving this world, - leaving it, that is, as far as His visible presence is concerned. He looked forward to the many hundred years which were to pass before He came again. He knew His own purpose and His Father's purpose gradually to leave the world to itself, gradually to withdraw from it the tokens of His gracious presence. He contemplated, as contemplating all things, the neglect of Him which would spread even among his professed followers; the daring disobedience, and the loud words, which would be ventured against Him and His Father by many whom He had regenerated: and the coldness, cowardice, and tolerance of error which would be displayed by others, who did not go so far as to speak or to act against Him. He foresaw the state of the world and the Church as we see it this day, when His prolonged absence has made it practically thought, that He never will come back in visible presence: and in the text, **He mercifully whispers into our ears, not to trust in what we see, not to share in that general unbelief, not to be carried away by the world, but to “take heed, watch, pray, “ and look out for His coming.**

Surely this gracious warning should be ever in our thoughts, being so precise, so solemn, so earnest. He foretold His first coming, yet He took His Church by surprise when He came; much more will He come suddenly the second time, and overtake men, now that He has not measured out the interval before it, as then He did, but left our watchfulness to the keeping of faith and love.

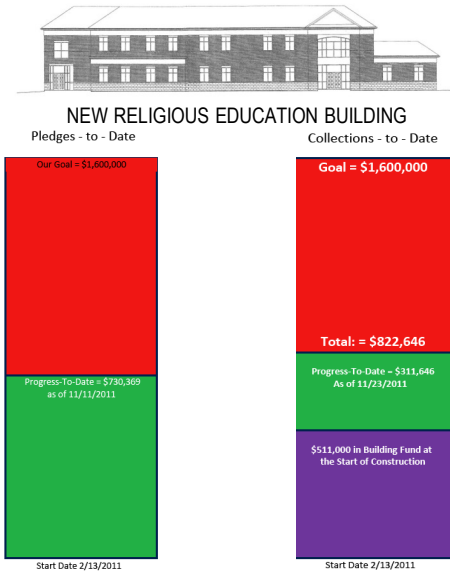
...WHAT IS IT TO WATCH FOR CHRIST? He says, “Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh...lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping...”

...HE WATCHES FOR CHRIST who has a sensitive, eager, apprehensive mind; who is awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in seeking and honoring Him; who looks out for Him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if he found that He was coming at once.

AND HE WATCHES WITH CHRIST, who, while he looks on to the future, looks back on the past, and does not so contemplate what his Savior has purchased for him, as to forget what He has suffered for him. **He watches with Christ**, whoever commemorates and renews in his own person Christ's Cross and Agony, and gladly takes up that mantle of affliction which Christ wore here, and left behind Him when He ascended....**This then is to watch; to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as He came once, and as He will come again; to desire His second coming from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of His first.**

...according as we have waited for Him, will He recompense us. If we have forgotten Him, He will not know us; but **“blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching...He shall gird Himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants,”** (Luke 12:37-38). **May this be the portion of every one of us!**

It is hard to attain it; but it is woeful to fail. Life is short; death is certain; and the world to come is everlasting.



PRAYER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

O God, with whom every good thing has its beginning, and through whom it is improved and increased: grant, we beseech Thee, that this work, which we have begun for the praise of Thy holy name, may be happily brought to completion through the never-failing gift of Thy fatherly wisdom.

We pray for the safety of all those who are working and who will work on this new building and that they will be blessed for their hard work with the satisfaction of a job well done for Your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 28– December 4

Mon 11/28		Mass at the Prison
Tues 11/29	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 11/30	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 12/1	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 12/2	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 12/3	8:00 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Miraculous Medal</i> Rosary Holy Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 12/4	8/8:30 am 11:15 am	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary/Holy Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays: 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment

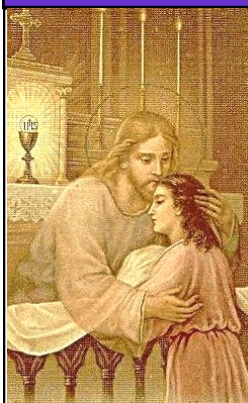
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PLEASE NOTE: If you brought a picture of your loved one for the All Souls Altar, please pick it up in the sacristy. Thank you..

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Altar Society:** 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall
- Bible Study Class:** Sundays 9:50-10:45 in the Chapel Sacristy
- Breakfast Sunday:** Resumes in the spring
- Choir Practice:** Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)
- Community Food Pantry Collection:** Basket in Church Vestibule
- Donut Sunday:** Resumes in the spring
- Family Night:**
- Knights of Columbus:-** 2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the church hall Youth Room— (Dave Moreau, Grand Knight 256-233-4610)
- RCIA:** New class beginning. **Call the office if interested.**
- RE:** 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms.
- Ladies Social Circle:** 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the church hall.
- Ultreya:** 4th Thursday, 6:45 pm in the chapel
- Youth Group:** Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm- church hall Youth Room during school year

FIRST FRIDAY



**Friday,
December 2
is First Friday**
Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist begins in the chapel at 7:30 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 8:30. Adoration continues until 7 p.m.
Come spend an hour with Jesus.

"Your faith will help you to realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week." Pope John Paul II

FIRST SATURDAY MASS OF REPARATION



As requested by Our Lady of Fatima, the **First Saturday of each month is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in reparation for the sins of the world.**

**This Saturday,
December 3**

The Holy Rosary and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at **8 a.m.** in the chapel followed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal.

FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of Complete Meals, Bar Soap, Canned Pumpkin, Stove Top Stuffing, and Cooking Oil.

*Thanks for all your Support!
Rachel Thompson*

CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Fidel & Nancy Salgado	10 yrs 12/1
Kevin & Martha Younkin	14 yrs 11/29
Mike & Genny Besh	19 yrs 11/28
Jose & Marysol Gonzalez	24 yrs 11/28
Tim & Cynthia Mingus	29 yrs 11/27
Kevin & Mary Biers	31 yrs 11/29
David & Joanne Mandel	32 yrs 12/1

May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.



The Advent Wreath
Is donated in
Memory of

**CHARLES AND
MARY NELSON**

By their children



Please pray for the repose of the soul
of

TIM COUNIHAN

*"May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Experience the love of Christ
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
at the **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**
on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

**Rosary begins at 5:30
followed by
Holy Mass at 6 pm
and the Examination of Conscience.**
Three priests will be available for
private confessions.



Confession, preceded by a thorough examination of conscience, softens our hearts preparing us to receive Jesus fruitfully in the Holy Eucharist and at Christmas.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS

ST. PAUL ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
SOCIAL HOUR: 5:45 - 6:45 PM

**HORS D'OEUVRES PROVIDED;
E.Y.O.B.**

DINNER SERVED: 7 PM

MENU

Creamy Cheddar Asparagus Soup

Entree: (Select 1)

**Molasses Glazed Pork Roast
Garlic Butter Baked Chicken**

Glazed Baby Carrots w/ Roasted Pecans

Roasted Baby Potatoes

Cranberry Congealed Salad

Sauteed Green Beans w/Bacon

Yeast Rolls

Dessert: (Select 1)

**Mocha Pecan Mud Pie
Chocolate Cake**

St. Paul Catholic Church 2011 Advent Calendar











AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.
We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To You we say, **"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Henri Nouwen

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27 COME DOWN, O GOD!</p> <p>8:30 am MASS in memory of CHARLES & MARY Nelson 11:15 am MASS in memory of ELDER LOPEZ</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 64:2-3</p>	<p>28 COME CURE US</p> <p>Holy Mass at the Prison</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 8:5-7</p>	<p>29 CHANGE OUR HEARTS</p> <p>Rosary: 5:30 pm MASS – 6:00 pm Mass for ALL SOULS Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 11:2-3</p>	<p>30 CALL ON GOD</p> <p>Rosary 8:00 MASS – 8:30 am in memory of JOSE SANDOVAL Novena: St. Anthony</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 10:9-18</p>	<p>1 TRUST IN GOD</p> <p>Rosary 8:00 MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Jude</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 7:21, 24-27</p>	<p>2 First Friday GOD IS MY COMFORT</p> <p>7:30 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am in memory of CHRISTINA LIPKA 9:00am-7:00pm Adoration</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 27: 1,4,13-14</p>	<p>3 First Saturday PEACE ON EARTH</p> <p>8:00 Rosary/8:30 Mass Novena: Miraculous Medal Confession: 3:45-4:45 5 pm VIGIL MASS 6:30 pm HISPANIC MASS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26</p>
<p>4 Second Sunday of Advent PREPARE THE WAY</p> <p>8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS in memory of GEORGE STONECYPHER</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 40:3-5</p>	<p>5 GOD WILL COME</p> <p>Holy Mass at the Prison</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 5:17-20</p>	<p>6 HE WILL FIND US ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE</p> <p>Rosary: 5:30 pm MASS – 6:00 pm Confessions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 18:12-14</p>	<p>7 HE WILL HELP US</p> <p>8:00 Rosary 8:30 Mass Novena: St. Anthony</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 11:28-30</p>	<p>8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</p> <p>MASS -8:30 am MASS-7 pm</p> 	<p>9 LEAD US</p> <p>8:00 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am 9:00am-7:00pm Adoration</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 48:17</p>	<p>10 GOD HEAL US</p> <p>8:00 Rosary/8:30 Mass Novena: Miraculous Medal Confession: 3:45-4:45 5 pm VIGIL MASS in memory of HOY HIGGINBOTHAM 6:30 pm HISPANIC MASS ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY 5:45 pm</p> 
<p>11 Third Sunday of Advent WE ARE CALLED</p> <p>8:30 am MASS in memory of KARRIE BONGARD 11:15 am MASS</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 1:46-54</p>	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</p> <p>5:00 am Rosary & Benediction in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> 	<p>13 GIVE PRAISE</p> <p>5:30 Rosary MASS – 6:00 PM Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 34:2-7,17-19,23</p>	<p>14 TURN TO GOD</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Anthony</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 45:22-23</p>	<p>15 GOD'S PROMISE</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Jude</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 54:10</p>	<p>16 GOD'S JUSTICE</p> <p>8:00 am Adoration MASS – 8:30 am 9:00-7:00pm Adoration</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8</p>	<p>17 SON OF GOD</p> <p>8:00 Rosary/8:30 Mass Novena: Miraculous Medal Confession: 3:45-4:45 5 pm VIGIL MASS 6:30 pm HISPANIC MASS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 1:1-17</p>
<p>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent DO NOT BE AFRAID</p> <p>8:30 am MASS 11:15 am MASS in memory of NORMA J. TORRES</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 1:30-32</p>	<p>19 OUR HOPE</p> <p>Holy Mass at the Prison</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 71:5-6</p>	<p>20 BE RECONCILED</p> <p>5:30 Rosary MASS – 6:00 PM Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 24:3-4</p>	<p>21 GOD IS NEAR</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am in memory of JOHN O'NEILL Novena: St. Anthony</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 33:20-21</p>	<p>22 GIVE THANKS</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Jude</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 1:48-49</p>	<p>23 THE LIVING GOD</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S MASS 5PM</p> <p>MIDNIGHT MASS SINGING BEGINS 11:30 PM</p> <p>CIDER & COOKIES AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>MASS: 8:30 am 11:15 am</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>No Mass</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 Rosary MASS – 6:00 PM Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Anthony</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 Rosary MASS – 8:30 am Novena: St. Jude</p>	<p>30 8:00 Rosary 8:30—4:30 Adoration 5 pm SPECIAL MASS celebrating Fr. Charley's 20TH ANNIVERSARY of his ordination to the priesthood, Reception following. Everyone is invited!</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</p> <p>5 pm Vigil Mass (English & Hispanic)</p> <p>11:30 Adoration followed by Midnight Mass thanking God for blessings in 2011 and asking God's blessings for the New Year for 2012.</p>

PLEASE NOTE: DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31 THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS AND NO CONFESSIONS HEARD

December 3/4, 2011 Server Schedule

To receive a schedule by e-mail,
send your request to Tom at spschedule@bellsouth.net

SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.
* Denotes designated temporary Deacon for this Mass.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers	Music
5 pm	John Frey	John Frey* Patricia Frey John Morgan	Thomas Lipka	Sam AuBuchon	Organ
8:30	Jay McCook	Tom Caillouet Linda Butler Chuck Butler*	Edward Borucki	John Thomason Joya Brinkley Matthew Meyer	Organ
11:15	Chris Miller	David Toney* Steve Kirkpatrick Maria Taylor	Carl McLemore	Jonathan Carwile Kevin Brown Sarah Niedzwiecki	Guitar

Dear God, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore to good physical & spiritual health, Your servants listed here...

Anne Lefevre	Wayne Wood	Michael Harries	Braileigh Dempsey	Edward J. Johnson	Dale Borden	Marie Stephens
Angela Morales	June Maplesden	Luzy Heard	Brandon Hicks	Michael Miller	Elliott Malone	Terry Tyler
Jose Morales	Terri Rankin	Al West	Brother Jess Smith	Andy Beasley	Rene Zaragoza	Andy Butcher
Tomas Branson	Carol Bailey	Frank Pitruzzello	Rebecca Pfeifer	Jim Flynt	Wesley Lavender	Howard Vinson
Jim & June Jackson	Grace Hunt	Jane Hargrove	Jimmy Stroud	Connie Haislip	Mary Morgan	Michael Carrow
Randy Brinkley	Jackie Johnson	Lolita Halsey	Major Burlin Emery	George Reny	Karen Hancock	Kimberly Bush
Lois Ware-Glasper	Virginia Gould	Pam Meyer	Myrna Chavez	Mildred Slaten	Ryan Hudson	Noah Ritchey
Sandra Glovich	Margaret Stonecypher	John Ogle	Jose Datu	Loretta Gregg	Millie Bloemer	Marjorie Guenther
Jo Ann Harvey	Splendi Ward		Betty Jaraba	Carol Whitney	Mary Chambers	Traci Louis
Maria Hetrick	Irene & Robert Lee		Sadie Davidson	Susan Giddens	Terri Forbes	Will Pekrul
Betty Bates	Marjorie Dissottle		Gaylord Huffman	PFC Bradley Thompson	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Billy Griffin
Bob Khym	Eva Isdunis		Herbert Williams	Irene Vanslager	Bobby S. Gilbert	Julia Ryberg
Pauline Garlen	Cathy Marten		Joan Hendrick	Lee Becatti & family	Gregory Carrow	Norm Wilke
Bert Beam	Kenny Carwile		George Harvey, Jr.	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Kathy Foster	Della Rumore
			Lois Graff	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Mathias Grichtmeier	

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, MILITARY, AND OTHERS IN NEED. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

To remove, add/or relist a name, or to submit bulletin information, call 256-232-4191 or e-mail to: stpauloffice@gmail.com by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.

Mass Intentions
<i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>
11/26 5:pm Holy Mass in memory of FRANCIS XAVER
11/27 8:30 Holy Mass in memory of CHARLES & MARY NELSON
11:15 Holy Mass in memory of ELDER LOPEZ
11/29 6 pm Holy Mass for the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
11/30 8:30 Holy Mass in memory of JOSE G. SANDOVAL
12/1 8:30 Holy Mass
12/2 8:30 Holy Mass in memory of CHRISTINA LIPKA
12/3 5:pm Holy Mass for the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
12/4 8:30 Holy Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY
11:15 Holy Mass in memory of GEORGE STONECYPHER

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	Regular \$4,511
	Building \$5,714
	Memorial to Building Fund \$150
	Church in Latin America \$1,469
THANK YOU	

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:
Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months;
call the parish office for an appointment—232-4191

HISPANIC MINISTRY:
Maria Taylor, 233-0226

MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made **six months** in advance with the priest.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:
Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon, 230-0483,
www.birminghamcee.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:
Tom & Becky Dollman, 233-0705
Jody & Toni Griffin, 614-0430

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Elizabeth Niedzwiecki, 230-0819

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call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.
After hours emergency:
call the rectory at 771-1164.

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Register at www.wmcalabama.org or (800) 540-9963.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:
Jan 6, Feb 3, March 23, April 13
Contact by e-mail at: register.cebirmingham@gmail.com
or visit the website at www.birminghamcee.org

Bring your bulletin to Krystal Hamburgers on Sundays. Order a #1 combo or a 12 sack combo and they will donate 50 cents-\$1 to the church!

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Jesus, Eternal Priest, protect all our priests, Your servants, from all dangers and keep them safe in Your Sacred Heart. They are Yours and their life is offered in sacrifice at Your altar. Keep them pure of heart and aflame with the love of God and neighbor. Strengthen Your priests by living constantly in them, with them, and through them, especially in times of loneliness and afflictions, and when their life of sacrifice seems meaningless.

Bless all their labors with abundant fruit.
May they persevere in their vocation until the end.
Mary, our Blessed Mother, wrap them under your mantle and save them from all worldly distractions. May the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation in this world and in Heaven, their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

*Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.*

