

**Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**  
**Novena to St. Gonsalo Garcia**  
**Eighth Day - 2025**  
**Prayers of the faithful**



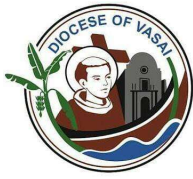
**Celebrant:** Dear brothers and sisters, we have gathered here to celebrate the sacred mysteries. Our Lord Jesus Christ went about healing and bringing restoration to people. With confidence in his mercy let us turn to him for help in our difficult situations, saying:

**Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas, all Priests and Religious – that by their prayers they may lead the faithful to a life of holiness, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. While sending the apostles on their mission the Lord advises them not to take anything with them. Those working in the mission areas may always get their resources to enable them to proclaim the word of God, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. St Gonsalo Garcia was instrumental in spreading the word of God to the far east countries. That all of us baptized people may contribute our mite to the mission work of the Church, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. For broken families and for couples who are struggling to live in unity with each other that they may be inspired by the love that Christ has for the church and follow his example, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... , **we pray to the Lord.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly Father, listen to our prayers through the intercession of St. Gonsalo Garcia. May the petitions of your church be pleasing in your sight, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

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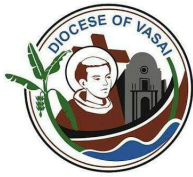
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1. For Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas, all Priests and Religious – that being free from all afflictions they may efficaciously proclaim God's word to all the people, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains a single seed but if it dies it produces many seeds. That in our day-to-day living we may face all our difficulties with courage to deserve reward from the Lord, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. That through the intercession of St Gonsalo Garcia our faith in the Lord may deepen and that our community life may be full of love and mutual help, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. That the ladies who are being exploited may find solace in the Lord and that the elderly and sick people may be looked after with due care by their families, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. For all those studying in seminaries and convents that they may be blessed by the holy spirit in their studies and spiritual life and that more and more people may be willing to choose the religious life, **we pray to the Lord.**
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**Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**09<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Feast of St. Gonsalo Garcia**  
**Prayers of the faithful**



**Celebrant:** Dear brother and sisters, God is merciful to us even in our sinfulness. Let us be grateful to him for all that he has given us. With confidence in his loving kindness let us approach him for all our needs and those of the church, saying:

**Let our response be: Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas, all Priests and Religious – that as fishers of men they may be efficacious in their vocation, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may not work for themselves but be led by their conscience to work honestly for the common good, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. For all of us present at this eucharistic celebration that we may be aware of the power of God to carry out what he intends, and that we may believe and turn to him in our difficulties to find consolation and lasting peace, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. St. Gonsalo Garcia was born at Vasai but became a martyr at Nagasaki in Japan. By shedding his blood on the cross he became a true follower of Christ. That we may try to follow his example in our lives, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. For the sick, the elderly and the grandparents – that their presence in the family may not be an impediment in the lives of others but be an opportunity for increasing their faith and gaining of knowledge from their life experiences, **we pray to the Lord.**
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