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Ordinary Time: Growing In Faith Throughout The Year



Ordinary Time is the season of the year when Catholic's are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of their faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter and the great periods of penance of Advent and Lent .

Ordinary Time is a time to deepen prayer life, read scriptures and unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist and become a more holy and whole person.

Ordinary Time is a time for you and I to strive to become extraordinary messengers of the Gospel that we have been commissioned to be through our Baptism.

Ordinary Time is this moment, this day. Now

Ordinary Time: The season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday (or Tuesday if the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on that Monday) after the Sunday following January 6th and continues until the day before Ash Wednesday, inclusive. It begins again on the Monday after Pentecost and ends on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. It consists of 33 - 34 weeks. The last Sunday is celebrated as the Solemnity of Christ the King. The overall purpose of the season is to elaborate the themes of salvation history.

The various liturgical seasons are characterized in part by the scriptural readings and Mass prayers assigned to each of them. During Advent, for example, the readings are messianic; during the Easter season, from the Acts of the Apostles, chronicling the Resurrection and the original proclamation of Christ by the Apostles, and from the Gospel of John; during Lent, baptismal and penitential passages. Mass prayers reflect the meaning and purpose of the various seasons.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 17th, 2010

Readings

Sunday, January 17th

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 11

John 2: 1 - 11

Monday, January 18th

1 Samuel 15: 16 -23

Mark 2: 18 -22

Tuesday, January 19th

1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13

Mark 2: 23 -28

Wednesday, January 20th

1 Samuel 17: 32 -33, 37, 40 -51

Mark 3: 1 - 6

Thursday, January 21st

1 Samuel 18: 6 - 9; 19: 1 - 7

Mark 3: 7 - 12

Friday, January 22nd

1 Samuel 24: 3 - 21

Mark 3: 13 -19

Saturday, January 23rd

2 Samuel 1: 1 - 4, 11 -12,

19, 23 -27

Mark 3: 20 - 21

Sunday, January 24th

Nehemiah 8: 2 -4a, 5 -6, 8 - 10

Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 15

1 Corinthians 12: 12 -30

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Grand Knight: John Lott

Altar Society: Glenda Marks, Lillian Magnusson, Rose Anderson

**Parish
Team**

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:30 AM

Confessions: 1/2 hour before Mass

DAILY MASS (see bulletin weekly schedule)

7:00 AM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

5:30 PM Tuesday

8:00 AM Saturday (with Eucharistic Adoration)

SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM, (11:45 AM Mary House)

St. John's Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, January 20th

5:45 pm 1st Communion, Parent Life, Life Teen/Edge

Thursday, January 21st

7:00 pm RCIA

Please pray for:

Martha Rankin, mother of Stacy.

Rew Hanson, husband of Joyce.

Kevin Gallagher, brother of Megan Anderson.

May Martha, Rew, Kevin and all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



37th Hour of Reflection -

Pro-life Legislators and You: Together We Succeed

Friday, January 22, 2010 7:00 pm

State Capitol Rotunda Pierre, SD

Life Chain - Meet at

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Senator Tom Hanson - keynote speaker



ST. JOHN'S SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

WILL BE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
FROM 12:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

**THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS
OF NEW RAFFLE ITEMS.**

**PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT PADRE HALL
AFTER MASSES OR DURING THE WEEK. THANK-YOU!**

The Sainthood Groups start meeting again this next week.

Make the choice to live like a Saint for six weeks. 42 days, or 42 weeks. You don't have to be perfect. I would prefer if you were not.

You don't have to end up perfect at the end. This is simply a challenge to start down the road.

You don't have to be Catholic, or holy, or even believe that you can do it. It starts with one day.

If our entire parish, youth group, school, or organization wants to take the challenge, that would be incredible. Call Shirley Gross, 223-2188 if you would like to join a group.

Thank-you for your wonderful baby gifts to the Advent Baby Shower. There were 444 beautiful gifts distributed to Birthright, Catholic Family Services, Growing up Together and Missouri Shores. Thanks to the Catholic Daughters and to Dianna Menning and Mary Giddings for coordinating this project. Many babies and children will be blessed by your generosity. God's Blessings!



Lent starts in February and we're in the Church's "Ordinary Time" liturgical transition phase until Lent starts.

The Advent has its wreath, its candles, its hymns -- all of which culminate in Christmas. Lent has ashes, fasting, Stations of the Cross -- and the Resurrection. It's easy to be energized and excited about the faith during the High Holy Days. But Ordinary Time? It's just so, well, ordinary.

How do you stay involved and engaged when Sundays seem to run together and the next liturgical high point is weeks or months away?

There are, of course, the standard suggestions: attend daily Mass, say the Rosary, make more frequent confessions. They are good ideas and can certainly help with a lagging faith, but many of us either already do these things or have done so in the past. What we long for is an infusion of ideas that are both a little different and yet still deeply rooted in our traditions. Here are six suggestions to help make Ordinary Time a little less ordinary.

1. Say or create a novena: A novena, nine days of private or public prayer intended to obtain a special grace, favor or blessing has long been a part of the Church's devotions. You can find novenas for everything from world peace to healing, most of which are directed to end on a particular feast day of Mary, Jesus or a prominent saint. But you can create your own novena, choosing your own ending day and devotional activity - like create a birthday novena. Say a special prayer for the nine days before your birthday or the birthday of someone you love; you can say a prayer like the Hail Mary or Our Father, but you might also light a candle. Whatever you do, place yourself in the presence of God and offer your activity with your whole heart, mind and soul.

2. Keep a gratitude journal: Some scientific studies have shown that people who regularly "count their blessings" are happier than those who don't. Often we are so focused on the negatives in our lives we overlook the positives. During Ordinary Time, take a notebook and, once a day, write at least five things you are thankful for. They don't have to be earth-shattering; "a cup of coffee" will suffice. Then, on Sunday, read aloud your list, saying before each item: "God, I thank you for..." It seems like a simple activity, but it can literally be life-changing - a concrete, permanent record of the blessings of your life that is hard to overlook even when you are feeling down.

3. Focus on God's abundance: When things go wrong in your life, concentrate on the ways God showed his providence in a tangible, practical manner. Every day share what "abundance" God has provided. Sometimes it may be a small thing -- like finding a quarter on the sidewalk. Other times it might be larger -- like being given a washing machine when yours is broke. At times it may be nonmaterial, like having a neighbor blow the leaves from your yard. But as the days go by, it will become obvious that God is continually showering abundance you. It will become a daily joy to see what new gift God has for you that day.

4. Act out: One of the reasons our faith can become stale is because it becomes too cerebral. Instead of "doing," we spend most of our time "thinking." So put your faith in action. It doesn't mean you have to start vigils at abortion centers or volunteering at soup kitchens -- although those things are good and may be just what some people need. You can act out your faith in smaller ways as well. Jesus told us if we had two coats, we should share with those who had none. Most of us probably have at least two coats in our closets, so paring down our clothes could be a great place to begin. During Ordinary Time, simplifying, eliminating and giving away those things that we no longer use can become a great act of faith... and a great faith-builder.

5. Read something with moral value: In the weeks when the Church is not preparing for something special, we have the time to read what others have written about God, faith and the meaning of life. We don't have to agree with everything we read, but reading morally engaging literature is one of the best ways to keep our faith vital and vibrant.

6. Keep the Sabbath: The weeks of Ordinary Time are ideally suited to creating family rituals that keep the Sabbath as a special day. Without holidays and holy days, we can design our own personal practices that make Sunday a day to anticipate. These don't have to be elaborate. Perhaps stopping at the doughnut shop on the way home from Mass and letting everyone pick their favorite could become a "tradition." Or reinstitute a sit-down family dinner Sunday evening, even if you are sitting down to eat take-out. Just find something you and your family can enjoy and save that activity for the Sabbath.

Ordinary Time is only ordinary if we think of it that way. If we consider these weeks, not as the long boring stretches between the good stuff, but as a time to try new things and refocus our energies on our spiritual growth, Ordinary Time can become one of our favorite -- and most rewarding -- times of year.

Saturday, January 16th

5:30 PM + Wyman Whitney
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer

Sunday, January 17th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
9:30 AM S+ Kayla Stewart
By: Shannon

Monday, January 18th

7:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday, January 19th

5:30 PM SI Lonny Hofer
By: Hofer Family

Wednesday, January 20th Saint Fabian

7:00 AM SI Reva Maher
By: Vivian Monroe

Thursday, January 21st Saint Agnes

7:00 AM SI Elizabeth Hofer
By: Hofer Family

Friday, January 22nd Saint Vincent

7:00 AM SI Michael Hofer
By: Hofer Family

Saturday, January 23rd

8:00 AM Mass and Adoratio
5:30 PM + John & Jerry Graham
By: Katherine Hartley

Sunday, January 24th

7:30 AM Intentions of the Parish
9:30 AM + Mary Maass
By: Bob and Bridget Mayer



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Regular Envelopes	\$3,873.23
Student Envelopes	\$ 26.00
Plate	\$ 540.00
Total	\$4,444.23

"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38



Our Military Members: That God's loving hands protect them as they protect us and heal those who have returned to us physically or emotionally wounded.

We especially pray for the safety and well-being of Melissa Gross (Darrell & Cindy), Brett Anderson (Rod & Megan), David Collins (Mary) Jocelyn Baker (Megan Anderson - sister).

Please take time to drop a note to our soldiers and thank them for their sacrifice and dedication.

CW3 BRETT ANDERSON
HHB 1-147 FA
APO AE 09337

SP4 MELISSA MCINTYRE
21ST MP CO (ABN) UNIT 031
CAMP BASRAH
APO AE 09375
MAJ JOCELYN BAKER
KFOR 12 TF FALCON HHC
APO AE 09340

MAJ DAVID S COLLINS
HHC 41BCT 11D, S-3
COB Spreicher
APO, AE 09393
SPGT HALL, PATRICK D
IS HOME! PRAISE GOD!

Tue.19 Rhonda Buntrock, Gary Chase
Wed.20 Robert Eulberg, Mark Steiner, Matt Stoeser
Thu. 21 Cody Heckenliable, Mary Kolbeck, Bill Rose
Fri.22 Kori Nutter
Sat.23 Jason Smith
Sun.24 Andrea Pospisil

Sat, Jan 23, 5:30 PM

PAT FAHEY, GLENDA MARKS	Eucharistic Ministers
BRITA BERGESON	Lector
SAM SLOCUM, JACE & MCKENZIE WERNSMAN	Altar Servers

Sun, Jan 24, 7:30 AM

JUDY ACKLEY, PAT SUEDEKAMP	Eucharistic Ministers
PAM BERGSTROM	Lector
ADAM & AUSTIN BROWN	Altar Servers

Sun, Jan 24, 9:30 AM

SARAH & PATTY LIHS, PAT STORMS	Eucharistic Ministers
GAYLON GERBER	Lector
JAMES & JOHN BARNETT, SETH VANDENHEMEL	Altar Servers

Sun, Jan 24, 10:30 AM

KARA HUGHES, BOB & EILEEN KRAMER	Counters
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For all the sick and suffering, Brenda Maxon, Sue Pospisil, Eric Buchmann, Grady Jacobson, Judy Hobbs, Nancy Holub, Maddox Rowland, Kelsey Spurlin, Dennis Carlson, Marie Gibson, Mary Gibson, Eileen Hofer, Barb Brown, Theresa Kirby, Doris Ogan, Jennifer Cink, Dorothy Brown, Doreen Pospisil, Cindy Foreman, Francis Bies, Lois Zimmer, Roland & Mary Hostler, Joe Truett, Jace Nickolas, Loren Pospisil, Leona Jacobsen, James Garrity, Geraldine Kokesh, Bryan Ice, Chance Wagner, Beverly Russell, Cindy Hogman, Jason Jund, Maureen Shepherd and all who have asked for our special prayers. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sue Pospisil - 3-2863.



Please pray for the Confirmandi, that their hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Taylor Dowling, Shelby Gerber, Trey Maier, Monte Scott, MaKenna Sommars, Alex Steiner and Brady Woodring will be on retreat this Sunday and Monday.

A card shower is being requested for Reva Maher who will be 99 years young on January 20. Reva has shared her strong Catholic Faith with her parish, community, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Please send birthday greetings to her at 116 South Harrison, Pierre. SD 57501. Reva has been a member of St Peter and Paul Parish since moving to Pierre in 1950.

Pilgrimage with Father Brian to the Eternal City of Rome in October 2010.

Participate in the Ordination Mass of one of our diocesan seminarians at St Peter's Basilica. Celebrate Mass in the catacombs, visit the major churches of Rome, visit the cities of Siena, Florence, and Assisi. Pray at the tombs of the saints, see the beautiful county side of Italy, and enjoy the wonderful Italian cuisine. Attend an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. Round trip from Rapid City, all transportation, lodging, breakfasts, and seven dinners included for \$3,629. 12 Days: October 4-15, 2010. For information call Fr Brian at 223-2176 or frchristensen@gmail.com.



EDGE LOCK IN REACH RETREAT

6TH -8TH Grade Youth

WHAT: A WEEKEND OF WORSHIP, TEACHING,
AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WHEN: JANUARY 30-31ST


TIME: 4:30 PM - 10:30 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP RETREAT


The middle School Youth Group will have a retreat/lock-in here at the parish from 4:30 pm Saturday, January, 30 until 10:30 AM on January 31, 2010.

All middle school teens are invited! Bring a friend!
There will be music, food, games and retreat activities!
Teens must register by Wednesday, January 27, 2010, so we know how many to plan and prepare food for.

What to Pack



- will need to bring a sleeping bag, cot or mat
- toiletries, towel and wash cloth,
- Outdoor shoes and clothing for some activities (weather permitted).



- will not need their cell phones
- No IPODS or MP3



Fill out & Mail to St. John Catholic Church, P.O. Box 670, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Gender</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 th	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 th	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th	