

PASTOR'S MEANDERINGS
ELEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (B)

12 – 13 JUNE 2021



SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today's readings reflect on God's guiding and nurturing presence and on the mystery of life. The invisible and mysterious growth of the seeds, the growth of the mighty cedar and the shelter it affords all serve to draw our minds to the power of God's life in us. Paul distinguishes between the spiritual life and our mortal bodily life and reminds us that our living actions will be rewarded before the Lord.

The seeds, the shrubs, trees, the birds, the harvest, the fruit, the sheltering branches – all are powerful images of the variety, beauty and gift that is our natural world. We are invited by the word to reflect on and connect with that invisible mystery of life and to meet in the nurturing restorative presence of God.

Perhaps the readings invite us to look at our world anew and to enter into the simplicity of their parable and storytelling, to look again and find in all the life around us the signs of the kingdom of God. In the words of the poet Patrick Kavanagh, to see in 'A green stone lying sideways in a ditch, / Or any common sight, the transfigured face / Of a beauty that the world did not touch.'

The mustard seed is described as one of the smallest and yet it surprisingly grows to provide shelter – a reminder for us too that kingdom exceeds our expectations. The action of God is often unexpected.

And if they do, Paul's words remind us also of our responsibilities to act accountably in our dealings with others and with the earth itself that nurtures and sustains life.

STEWARDSHIP: Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

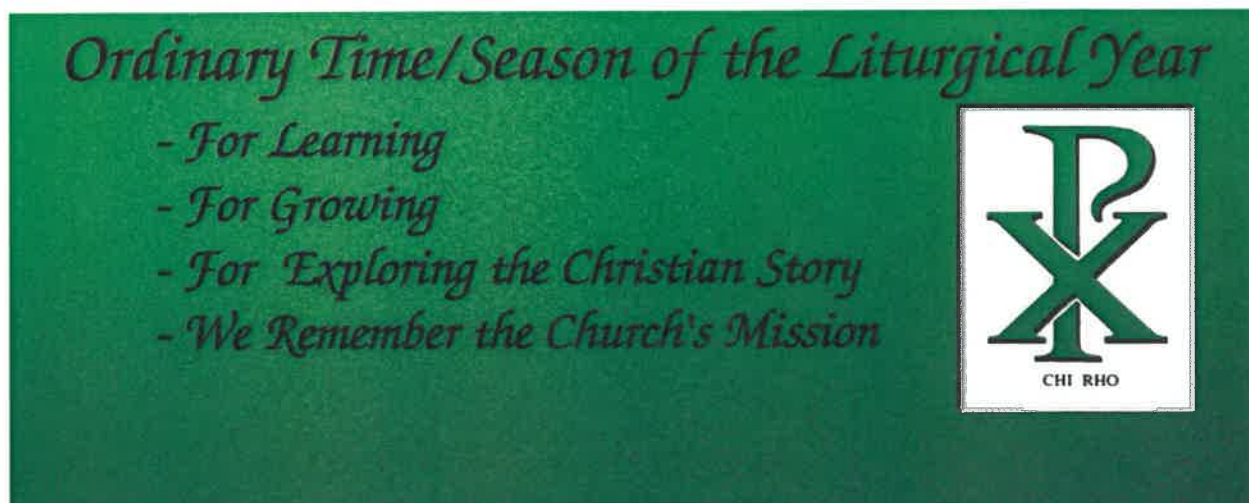
READINGS FOR TWELFTH SUNDAY

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Job 38:1, 8-11: The creation is a mystery that shows the power of the Lord.

2 Cor. 5:14-17: Through His death Christ has established a new creation.

Mk. 4:35-41: Jesus sleeps while a storm threatens to overcome the boat He and His disciples are in. the disciples wake Jesus and He calms the storm, then He asks them why they were so afraid and did not have faith.



ORDINARY TIME

Several weeks ago, in fact the Monday after Pentecost, we entered into Ordinary Time. Most of us would not necessarily have picked up on it since the altar and the priest and deacon were still dressed in white and the Masses were all solemnities. Today the change of "season" becomes more obvious, we are back to green being the predominant color; but, is this the only defining difference from the Easter Season to Ordinary Time?

Lets go to the basics first; the Liturgical Calendar. Reference has frequently been made to the Calendar but what is it as defined by the Church?

The liturgical calendar is omnipresent in Catholic life. Many parish bulletins list the liturgical days of the week and corresponding Scripture readings. In December, tables in the narthex may be piled high with free calendars that identify the principal feasts of the Church year (along with civic holidays). And, of course, each holy day of obligation we are reminded that Catholic

worship is not simply a matter of showing up on Sundays; there is a larger pattern of feasts and fasts of which Sunday worship is only part.

But to say that the liturgical calendar is omnipresent is not to say that we always notice it. We often look past objects, such as street lights or telephone poles, precisely because they are pervasive. It is easy to treat the liturgical calendar merely as part of Catholicism's décor, the ornamental mantle clock with Roman numerals that looks nice but which no one really uses to tell time.

Many holy men and women through the ages, however, have set their internal clock to the liturgical calendar and have found their lives reshaped in the process — for the purpose of the liturgical calendar is to orient our days around the person of Jesus. This process begins with Sunday worship, which is the cornerstone of the whole liturgical calendar. We celebrate Mass each Sunday — rather than on the Jewish Saturday — in recognition that when Jesus resurrected on Easter Sunday He began the renewal of the whole world and the universe was fundamentally changed (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1193). As the liturgical poet John Keble, a great friend of Blessed John Henry Newman, exclaimed in his poem "Easter Day," Easter sheds "light on all the year," making Sundays "more glorious break, / An Easter Day in every week." Sunday worship reveals to us the nature of the world in which we live.

But, while the Resurrection is the central Christian event, every moment of the life of Jesus is a revelation of the nature and character of God. For this reason, we need not merely Sunday worship but the entire Christian year. The Church year is structured around the life of Jesus. It pursues Him from the first signs of His coming in Advent to His birth at Christmas, to His trials in Lent and death on Good Friday, to the wonders of His Easter Resurrection and Ascension, and finally catches an apocalyptic vision of Him enthroned as King in glory. As the Catechism explains, "The Church, 'in the course of the year ... unfolds the whole mystery of Christ'" (No. 1194). The Church leaves nothing out and skips no days; she asks us to meditate on Jesus at all times and in all circumstances.

Eph 5:15-17 – "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Biblical Roots of the Liturgical Calendar

In the Old Testament, the Israelites celebrated feasts and holy days to enter into the presence of God. These feasts followed an agricultural theme, and they captured the acts of God in the life of Israel. There were seven main feasts commanded by God in Leviticus 23; Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Booths (or Tabernacles). These feasts are still observed by the Jewish people today.

In the new covenant era, Christians also remember the saving actions of God in the life of Jesus. The Catholic Church in her wisdom has developed the liturgical calendar so that you can live out the life of Christ in your own life. There is a certain logic to the calendar, it is broken up into seasons which guide us through Christ's life.

The Liturgical Seasons

- Advent – Preparing for the coming of Christ the King
- Christmas – Celebrating the birth of Christ

- Ordinary Time – Learning the teachings of Christ and working to build up the Kingdom
- Lent – Preparing for Christ’s Passion.
- Easter – Entering into the Resurrection of Christ
- Ordinary Time (Again... it’s that important!)

LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION GOES INTO EFFECT ON THE WEEKEND OF 26-27 JUNE 2021.

PRAYERS

Prayer to Our Lady of Providence, Queen of the Home

Our Lady of Providence, I place in your hands our beloved home.

As you were queen of the Holy Family at Nazareth, be queen of our home.

Keep our home ties unbroken- today, tomorrow and forever. Amen

**SCHEDULE ELEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY 12 JUNE - SUNDAY 20 JUNE**

Saturday 12 Jun Memorial The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Mass Proper of Memorial, Preface Blessed Virgin Mary I & Eucharistic Prayer II

(Intention:)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Eleventh Sunday

Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer II

(Intention:)

Sunday 13 Jun Eleventh Sunday

**7:00 a.m. Mass Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer II
(Intention: Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)**

**8:30 a.m. Mass Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer II
(Intention: Michael Curran - RIP)**

**11:30 a.m. Mass Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer II
(Intention: Irene Boulais – RIP)**

2:00 p.m. Brig Mass

Monday 14 Jun Day Off

Tuesday 15 Jun 11th Week Ordinary Time

**8:30 a.m. Mass for our Oppressors, Preface Eucharistic Prayer II
(Intention:)**

6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16 Jun 11th Week Ordinary Time

**6:30 a.m. Mass for the Church 1A & Eucharistic Prayer III
(Intention:)**

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass for the Church 1A Preface & Eucharistic Prayer III

(Intention:)

Thursday 17 Jun 11th Week Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass for Forgiveness of sins

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass DESIGNATED “MASK MASS” ELEVENTH SUNDAY

Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface &

Eucharistic Prayer III

(Intention:)

Friday 18 Jun 11th Week Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass 20th Sunday, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer III

(Intention:)

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions

Saturday 19 Jun St. Romuald, Abbot BVM

**8:30 a.m. Mass Mother of Divine Providence, Preface & Eucharistic
Prayer II**

(Intention:)

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time

Proper, Gloria, Creed, Preface & Eucharistic Prayer III

(Intention:)

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