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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

July 7, 2024: 14 th Sunday of Ordinary Time*	+Fr. Bob
July 14, 2024: 15 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Carl
July 21, 2024: 16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Bob
July 28, 2024: 17 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	+Fr. Bob

***Quarterly Healing Service**

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Gospel Reflections – Cycle B

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

July 7, 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: “They are a rebellious house,” the Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel. “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place,” laments Jesus. We want to remember these biblical phrases whenever our attempts to help others are poorly received. In putting up with weaknesses, insults, and constraints for the sake of Christ, says St. Paul, we are somehow strong. (Ezekiel 2:2-5, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6)

July 14, 2024 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today’s first reading, the prophet Amos preaches repentance to Israel. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out the Twelve for the same purpose. The selection from Ephesians gives us a glimpse of the fruits of repentance: “the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace.” Is it time to avail ourselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation? (Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13)

July 21, 2024 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Speaking through Jeremiah, the Lord declares: “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands.” This is fulfilled in Jesus, who isn’t simply “moved with pity for...sheep without a shepherd,” but gives his very life to reconcile the human race to the Father. Do we feel like shepherds? Can we volunteer for some kind of pastoral work? (Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34)

July 28, 2024 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The multiplication of the loaves by Jesus recalls the multiplication of loaves the prophet Elisha. Both foreshadow the Eucharist, where we assemble as “one body and one Spirit.” Lord, help us to be more aware that the Mass manifests and builds up the body of Christ. (2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15).

Ordinary Time

ORDINARY TIME, the longest season of the Church year, fills the weeks that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 43). It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honors the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks "after Epiphany" and "after Pentecost." The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance, the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting until Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas

Time. (Some years the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around, we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where this solemnity is a holyday, it falls on a Thursday.) Therefore, when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off.

Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent, but by counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: July 14 – Fr. Bill (**Happy 75th, Fr. Bill!**)

Anniversaries: Dwight & Emily Jacobi – July 9
+Fr. Bob – July 20 (Priestly ordination, 2003)
+Fr. Carl – July 28 (Episcopal consecration, 1995)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all on your special day!

Quarterly Healing Service: We will celebrate our Quarterly Healing Service on Sunday, July 7, 2024, during the celebration of the liturgy. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Mark Your Calendars! 2024 Synod – November 1-3, 2024: This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center in St. Louis, Missouri, from Friday afternoon, November 1, 2024, through noon on Sunday, November 3, 2024. More details will follow in the coming months.

Bulletin Insert (page 3): We continue “getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues” with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the “what, how, and why” of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Sant’Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the liturgical season of “Ordinary Time” which is not only the current season of the year, but also the longest season of the liturgical year.***

Masses on Facebook Live! Just a reminder...we are now able to livestream our Sunday masses on our Chapel Facebook page. If you are unable to attend in person, join us virtually...we would love to “see” you! You do **not** have to have a Facebook account to join us. Just go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ssppECCUSA at 2:00 PM (Central Time) on Sunday afternoons.