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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted

July 6, 2025: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

July 13, 2025: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

***Quarterly Healing Service**

Pastoral Staff:

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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 C

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

July 6, 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel, when the seventy-two disciples return from their mission, Jesus tells them, "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Isaiah rejoices with Jerusalem; St. Paul rejoices ("boasts") in the cross of Christ. What makes us joyful? Does this tell us something about ourselves? (Isaiah 66:10-14c, Galatians 6:14-18, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

July 13, 2025 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The word is on you, says Moses to the Israelites. Still, the scribe tells Jesus, I need an explanation. The Master obliges with a story that is astounding but very clear. At the same time, he who is "the image of the invisible God" paints an amazing self-portrait. How can we better imitate Jesus, the Good Samaritan par excellence? (Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37)

July 20, 2025 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Hospitality or the word of God? As with other aspects of the Church's life, it isn't a question of either...or, but of both...and. There's a place for the hospitality of Abraham and Martha, a place for Paul's proclamation of the work, and a place for Mary's attentive reception of Jesus' teaching. Is my life balanced? (Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42)

July 27, 2025 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's first reading and Gospel selections from scripture encourage persistence in prayer. The second reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the People at Colossus, reminds us of what God has done for us in Jesus. God's track record in history and in our own lives shows that he will answer our persistent prayers in the way that's best for us! (Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13)

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 76th, 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 6, 2025, during the celebration of the liturgy. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

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.