

January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

Ordinary Time
Not Just Plain Old Stuff

We reenter Ordinary Time this week. Do not let the word "ordinary" mislead you. It does not mean something that is plain, old or boring.

The Church has several seasons throughout each year. Remember how we celebrate the New Year of the Church on the First Sunday of Advent. January 1st is not the new year for Christians. Then the four weeks of Advent lead us to prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ. This ought to be fresh in your mind as we have just gone through Advent.

Then, there are the Christmas season and Lent and Easter Seasons. Each season has its purpose and theme. And then there is Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time focuses on the preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ. We break open the scriptures that do so. Ordinary Time marks the unfolding of the Story of Salvation. The color of the vestments you see the presider wear and the decorations around the church building is green. Green speaks to us of spiritual growth. One might make the relationship with green as the color of new plants coming up out of the ground as new growth. Or one might think of the new leaves on trees that come out in spring and continue to grow all season long producing food and energy for the tree. Those green leaves also put oxygen into the air for us to breath.

See how the scriptures start off this Ordinary Time today. Isaiah 49 says, "it is too little, the Lord says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The prophet is telling the people God elevates them. The Lord is taking the people beyond where they have ever imagined. God is commissioning, if you will, his servants to be his spokespersons. The people are being called to change their hearts. With the change of heart God's people will become a shining light to all nations of people.

In the second reading, 1 Corinthians, Saint Paul speaks of himself as one sent by God to tell everyone about God. Paul is sent to all the world that is not Jewish. The Word of God must be brought to all nations of people. And Paul does that.

Then the gospel passage for today, John 1, makes the point most clear. It points to Jesus Christ as the redeemer. He is the one who takes away the sin of the world. John the Baptist now tells everyone he preached to, to follow Jesus!

Brothers and sisters, we are the people being spoken to as we begin Ordinary Time. We are not to be plain old stuff. We are to, first, grow in the presence of God. We do this especially in God's Word and in the sacraments, especially His Body and Blood, the Eucharist our Holy Communion.

This Ordinary Green Time is time for us to unfold God's teaching and preaching in our own lives. Then we are mandated to share it with others!

These next weeks be sure to know God's Word. Come to Scripture Sharing Thursday evenings and learn it and make it part of your life. Be sure to always keep holy the Lord's Day. Never miss Sunday Mass. There we receive the Word of God in its written form and in the form of Bread and Wine. That is, the Eucharist that is Jesus' Body and Blood.

Let us not be plain. Let us unfold the story of Salvation!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is8:23-9:3;1Cor1:10-13,17;Mt4:12-23

STEWARDSHIP
Time, Talent, Tithing

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself.
It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	340
Tithes Collected:	\$6,856.00
Online Giving:	\$220.00
Total:	\$7,076.00
Per Capita:	\$20.81
Attendance for 1/01/23:	260
Tithes Collected:	\$7,095.50
Online Giving:	\$584.00
Total:	\$7,679.50
Per Capita:	\$28.76
Solemnity of Mary Collection: \$2,103.00	

Thank You!

**CALENDAR OF SOME
IMPORTANT EVENTS**

Stewardship Sundays

January 22, 29, February 5th

Stewardship Recognition Sunday

Someone will be recognized for his or her commitment to Stewardship

Ash Wednesday. February 22nd. Liturgy will be at 7:00pm.

Reconciliation Thursday. February 23rd. A special prayer service and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 7:00pm.

Healing Friday. February 24th. A special prayer service will be held with the Anointing of the Sick at 7:00pm.

Holy Week Begins

Passion Sunday, April 2nd (Usual Weekend Schedule)

Holy Thursday, April 6th at 7pm

Good Friday, April 7th at 7pm

Easter Vigil, April 8th at 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Masses at 9am and 10:45am

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the care we take of the gifts we have been given. The primary gifts are those of Time, Talent and Treasure. Within these are found all the other attributes you may find in yourself.

Stewardship Days begin January 22nd. Everyone will have the chance to contribute his and her Time, Talent and Treasure.

Soon, if not already, you will receive letters in the mail from two sources. One will be from the Archbishop's office or ABCD development office. That is for what goes beyond the parish to help other programs of the Universal Church.

The other is very important. It is from this parish, our parish. It will address our spiritual and moral components of our lives. It also addresses our financial support of our parish which is very important to our ability to spread the Good News of God.

Let us join together and make the Lord appear in our world by supporting this parish and beyond!

2023 Retreat schedule

Now is the perfect time to give yourself or your loved one the gift of a spiritual retreat at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. The 2023 theme is "Whatever you ask in my name" (John 14:13)

Women's Retreat	Men's Retreat
February 24-26, 2023	March 3-5, 2023

Reserve your space for only \$50.00. The balance of \$190 is due at the retreat

Register via the website: www.ourladyofflorida.org or call 561-626-1300

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, Arnold Lakso, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Liggett, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Renette Valcourt, Sr. Frances Vass, OSC, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14	4:00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
Sunday, January 15	9:00 a.m.	Blessed Sacrament Parish
	10:45 a.m.	† Frank & Ida Polumbo by Fr Bob
Monday, January 16	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, January 17	8:00 a.m.	† Ronald Squiric by Crepages
Wednesday, January 18	8:00 a.m.	† Yolanda (Lonnie) Fallivene by Ralph Caraglia
Thursday, January 19	8:00 a.m.	† Fr. Tom Honold by Parish
Friday, January 20	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Ann Snarska by Devenanzi Family
Saturday, January 21	4:00 p.m.	Josefina Duque by Selma Cardona
		† Kevin Daugherty by Rosemary, daughter
Sunday, January 22	9:00 a.m.	† Dn. Michael Leon by Jordan Family
	10:45 a.m.	† Manuel Coelho Rodrigues by Fernando Rodrigues
		† Chad Gant by Vinny & Greg