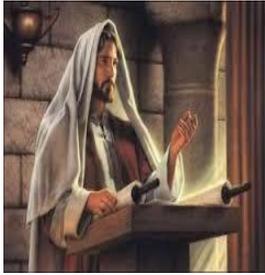


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The Spirit of the LORD Is Upon Me



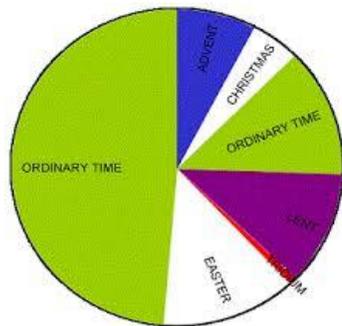
Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit

of the LORD is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." - Luke 4:17b-18a

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. - Pope Francis

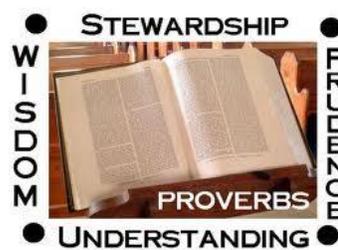


Ordinary Time

The word *Ordinary* means, of course, "numbered," not "commonplace," but we tend to think of Ordinary Time as the "nothing in particular"

season of the year. However, since the *Resurrection of Jesus Christ* from the dead, time is anything but ordinary; the Church relives the *Paschal Mystery*, not only on *Easter*, but on every Sunday of the year. Sunday is the first holyday of all ... the foundation and core of the whole liturgical year. In his apostolic letter *Dies*

Domini, St. John Paul II wrote that "it is *Easter* which returns week by week ... in commemorating the day of Christ's Resurrection not just once a year but every Sunday, the Church seeks to indicate to every generation the true fulcrum of history, to which the mystery of the world's origin and its final destiny leads. There is something of a paradox in the Christian Sunday. For Catholics, gathering in church on Sunday should be as much a part of the rhythm of our lives as getting up in the morning - something we would no sooner miss than we would miss a good night's sleep or a meal with family! At the same time, Sunday is sublime, a glimpse of heaven (God's recreation of the world in Jesus Christ). The liturgy reflects the same duality. The Eucharist is our daily bread; we need it to "face our daily problems" as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said. But at the same time, the liturgy is a glimpse of something far beyond the here and now: it is "a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we ought to travel as pilgrims." Ordinary time, because it celebrates no particular mystery of Christ, gives us an opportunity to enter more fully into the mystery of Sunday. Sunday, said Saint Jerome, is "the day of Christians, it is our day." - *Sourcebook: For Sundays, Seasons, And Weekdays*, Corinna Laughlin and Jennifer Kerr Breedlove.



Stewardship

We can never pray enough, especially in regard to our stewardship. The guidance of the Holy Spirit will help us to make the little decisions regarding our personal lives and our St. Michael's faith community's stewardship - so much easier and more accurate. Stewardship is,

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first and last, a spiritual activity and prayer is the lifeblood of the spirit.

Marriage

Now that a "New Year" has begun, how about checking out the ForYourMarriage.org website. This website is full of helpful information for all married couples! May this coming Valentine's Day be a blessed one for married couples!



Growing up, were you never confirmed as a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic? Have you received your First Holy Communion? If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? If the answer is YES to all these questions, you may be eligible to be confirmed into the Catholic Church. Interested? Call Cecil at: (706) 869-7853, for more details and answers to any of your questions. **Veni Sancti Spiritus!**



PERSPECTIVE

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.
— Old adage

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

Accepting Responsibility

What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

Be Bold, Be Catholic!

Pray the Rosary, daily!

And,



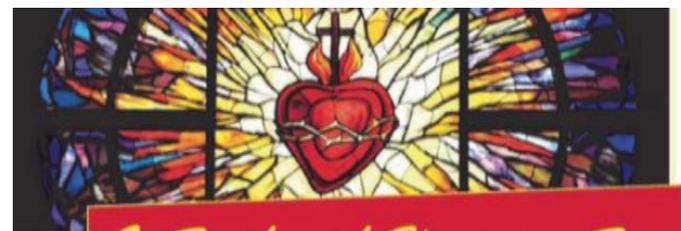
Adoration of Our Lord *"I am the Lord, your God, who grasp your right hand; it is I who say to you, fear not, I will help you."* – Is 41:13. Our Lord is always ready to help us, but we must ask Him. Share your fears and hopes with the Lord Jesus who waits patiently for your visit. Visit Him in Good Shepherd Chapel, Wednesday evening, from 1830-1930.



No one but you can accomplish what God asks of you.



If your problems haven't stopped, neither should your prayers.



Go Forth with Hearts on Fire

"Pax et Bonum!"

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