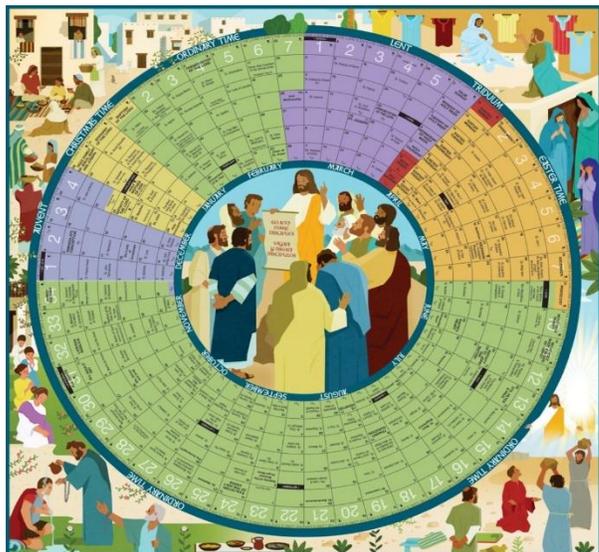




Religious Education News and Calendar

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Dear Students: I miss you! (Although it was wonderful to see some of you last week at Mass here at Holy Family!) I am praying that you are well, taking good care of yourself, helping out at home and finding new ways of being creative and having fun as you wrap up your last two weeks of virtual school. I also hope that if you and your family are not ready yet to come to Mass in person, that you are continuing to watch Mass with Father Hickey each week online. The link is on our website at: holyfamilyrockland.org

An Update for Our Students & Families on the Liturgical Calendar

If you and I were together in our Religious Education classes we would be looking at our big Liturgical Calendar and talking about

what comes next now that we have celebrated Pentecost and finished the 50 days of the Easter Season! **On the calendar, we are moving into the large green section called “Ordinary Time”.**

Ordinary Time:

- Is the period in the Church Year during which we Catholics focus on the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. The readings we hear in church tell us of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on earth.
- It falls in two parts on the liturgical calendar.
- The first part begins after Christmas Time—specifically, the day after the Baptism of the Lord.
- The second part, that we are in now, falls after Easter Time, starting on the Monday after Pentecost.
- It is the longest liturgical season.
- It lasts until November and the beginning of Advent.
- GREEN is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time. Priests will wear green vestments. It is the color of life and hope.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. How can we make this time *extra-ordinary*?

This second season of Ordinary Time follows the celebration of Pentecost; **the gift of the Holy Spirit moves us to do God’s work**. The Spirit does for us and the Church what Jesus did for His disciples — He left them with His love, fire, and Spirit to share with the world. We are called to do the same.

The first Sunday in this Ordinary Time is called Trinity Sunday (June 7th). It is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Trinity gives us fullness in Christ — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The next Sunday is Corpus Christi (June 14th), which commemorates the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. **Let us continue to pray for all our second graders who are awaiting First Holy Communion.**



Right now the world feels anything but ordinary, but Jesus offers us, through the Holy Spirit, peace, stability, and strength for whatever faces us. **Remember every morning to wake up and say “Thank You” for the day and all we have been given as we continue our faith journey together.** I love you! I miss you! God Bless You!

Mrs. Davis