

Intentions for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Saturday, February 13, VI Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Vigil)

5:00 pm Anne & Fred Roys

Sunday, February 14, VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Kevin Williams

12:00 pm James J. Vickers (Birthday Remembrance)

Monday, February 15, Presidents' Day

10:00 pm Daniel K. Weadock

Tuesday, February 16, weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm Robert Riordan

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm Joseph A. Bambury, Jr. (9th Anniversary)

7:00 pm Frank Hull

Thursday, February 18, Lenten weekday

12:00 pm Josephine McElduff
(Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, February 19, weekday in Ordinary Time

12:00 pm Rev. Msgr. John T. Doherty

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20, I Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

5:00 pm Alice & William Stuart
(Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, February 21, I Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Rev. Msgr. Daniel A. Peake

12:00 pm All Souls

Attendance and Collections for the Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (February 7)

Our attendance was 188; the collection was \$1488. Thank you for your generosity. Our second collection this Sunday is for the Restoration Fund. Next Sunday's second collection is "Peter's Pence," the annual collection taken up for the charitable works of the Pope.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Please pray for our sick parishioners: Patti Adcroft, Mary Barone, Mary Billings, Johnathan Caban, Anne Cahill, Kara Jean Fleming, Margaret Flynn, Sister Eileen McCabe, Carol Mohler, Jacqueline O'Grady, Clara Rancier, Fred Serafini. If you know of a parishioner who is sick, please contact the Rectory.

Visit to the Sick, Homebound, or Hospitalized

If you or someone you know is sick, homebound, or hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest for Confession, Communion, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory.

Stations of the Cross for Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm. The object of the Stations is to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's Passion, by passing from Station to Station, with prayers at each and devout meditations on the scenes, with the singing of a stanza of the *Stabat Mater* while passing from one Station to the next.

Use our Catholic Nuns' Bookstore for Lent

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and invites us to a deeper following of the Lord. The Sisters and Staff of Pauline Books and Media, 64 West 38th Street, offer a great service and a wide selection of books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich our living of Lent. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Center provides a welcome space for quiet time with the Lord as well. For more information, please call 212-754-1110.

The Guardian Angel Writing Project

Guardian Angel is a vibrant community of faith. The Lord has been generous to us by giving us a multitude of talents. One of those talents is the ability to share insight into a life lived in Christ Jesus through the medium of writing. In an effort to share our Catholic faith with one another, we have started the "The Guardian Angel Writing Project," whereby one of our parishioners or priests writes a piece for the parish bulletin: a column in prose or a poem. The columns/poems will run more-or-less weekly, in about 350 words, covering anything of interest to Christ's faithful of Guardian. Please send material to Peter Simpson at petersimpson@hotmail.com.

"The Cross" is a poem by the late Reverend Bertram L. Simpson, a Methodist minister and father of Peter Simpson.

The Cross

Thy heart, oh God, bears the burden
Of reality –
The cries of dying men,
The sickening fever of mortality,
And other pains beyond our ken.

Is this the meaning of thy cross,
Eternal One –
The agony and bloody sweat,
And other evils men have done
To thee and have not loved thee yet?

If this is so, uninsulate
My heart,
That I may feel with thee
The current's throb and smart,
And, though dying, live with thee.

the Christian year that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time. The first period begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the Sunday after Epiphany) has ended. Some interpret this to mean that Ordinary Time begins on Sunday night, while others, including The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, specifically mention the first period of Ordinary Time beginning on the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord. Either way, the point is the same. The next Sunday is still reckoned "The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time," because it is the Sunday of the second week in Ordinary Time. The reckoning can be confusing, and has many asking, "what happened to the first Sunday in Ordinary Time?" This first period of Ordinary Time runs until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday. The second period of Ordinary Time runs from the Monday after Pentecost until Evening Prayer is said the night before Advent begins. This includes Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary time does not need to be "ordinary," and is not meant to mean that somehow we get a break from the Liturgical Year. The opposite is true: Ordinary Time celebrates "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." Many important liturgical celebrations fall during Ordinary Time, including, Trinity, Corpus Christi, All Saints, the Assumption of Mary, and Christ the King. In addition, the Church continues to celebrate Saints days and other events such as The Octave of Christian Unity. The major feasts, when occurring on a Sunday, trump the regular Ordinary Time Sunday lessons and liturgy. In the American Catholic Church, Corpus Christi is usually transferred to a Sunday, so often there are fewer than the 33 or 34 Sundays labeled "Sundays of Ordinary Time," although these Sundays still fall within Ordinary Time. We also may remember and celebrate the parts of Jesus' life that were ordinary, much like our own lives. The color of green is appropriate because it is the most ordinary color in our natural environment.

During the Liturgical Year, the Scripture readings for Seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas have prominent themes. During Ordinary Time the readings are not chosen according to a theme. Rather, they present in a continuous fashion: the life and work of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. John's Gospel is read principally during the liturgical seasons.

During the Christmas season, the gospels recount the birth and early life of Jesus. On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the gospel begins to speak about the ministry of Jesus through the text about the wedding feast at Cana and two other passages from the Gospel of John. Then, with the Third Sunday, the life and preaching of Jesus unfold in each of the Gospels.

The readings from the Old Testament were chosen

Ordinary Time

With last week's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we end the Christmas Season and begin "Ordinary Time."

The Latin *Tempus Per Annum* ("time throughout the year") is rendered into English as "Ordinary Time." Many sources, online and in print, suggest that Ordinary Time gets its name from the word ordinal, meaning "numbered," since the Sundays of Ordinary Time, as in other seasons, are expressed numerically. However, others suggest the etymology of "Ordinary Time" is related to our word "ordinary" (which itself has a connotation of time and order, derived from the Latin word *ordo*). Ordinary Time occurs outside other liturgical time periods, periods in which specific aspects of the mystery of Christ are celebrated. According to The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, the days of Ordinary Time, especially the Sundays, "are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." Ordinary Time, depending on the year, runs either 33 or 34 weeks.

Basically, Ordinary Time encompasses that part of

to correspond to the Gospel passages and to bring out the unity between the Old and the New Testaments. The selections were made so that many of the principal pages of the Old Testament would be read on Sundays. The readings are arranged in a logical order, but according to what the gospel reading requires.

During Ordinary Time, the Letters of Paul and James are read in a sequential manner. (The Letters of Peter and John are read during the Easter and Christmas seasons.) Because of the length of the First letter to the Corinthians and the diverse issues it addresses, the selections from it are read at the beginning of Ordinary Time over the three years of the lectionary cycle. The Letter to the Hebrews is divided into two parts. The first part is read in year B and the second in Year C.

The feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and of the liturgical year. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, a sign of hope. The Chi Rho is a Christian symbol that dates from the early Church. It is comprised of the first two letters of the Greek word for Messiah, Christos—the letter Chi looks like the letter "X", and the letter Rho looks like the letter "P." This abbreviation became a symbol representing Jesus Christ.

