

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Triduum

Easter

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Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, thirty-three or thirty-four weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 43)

Overview

In this chapter the students will learn that Ordinary Time is a special season to learn about the life of Christ and to grow as his followers.

For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 1163 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Catechist Background

What teaching of Jesus speaks most directly to me in this season of my life?

As the Church celebrates the course of each new year, the entire mystery of Christ unfolds and the faith community is witness to its splendor. “Holy Mother Church believes that she should celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse in a sacred commemoration on certain days throughout the course of the year” (CCC 1163). The Church does so each week on the Lord’s Day, as well as during the annual celebration of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Ordinary Time is the two-part season between the Christmas season and Lent, and between Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. As the name implies, it is a season in which the Sundays follow “in number order.” The liturgical readings of Ordinary Time guide us through one of the Gospels each year. Chapter by chapter we hear and respond to the teachings of Jesus.

During Ordinary Time the Church also keeps

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the memorials of many martyrs and saints. She proclaims the Paschal Mystery in the lives of those “who have suffered and have been glorified with Christ” (CCC 1173). Through this annual cycle of saints’ days, we are drawn by their witness to increase our own fidelity to our baptismal vocation. Through their merits, we seek God’s favors for the common good of all humanity.

Ordinary Time is an extraordinary season of growing in our understanding of Jesus’ teachings. By our celebration of various events in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, we are better enabled to pass on the Catholic faith we profess.

How will I share my own commitment to the teachings of Jesus?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Focus

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

<p>page 65 Introduce the Season</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the <i>Chapter Story</i>. • Introduce Ordinary Time. • Pray the psalm verse under the banner. 	
<p>page 66</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join in groups to discuss the question. 	

2 WE BELIEVE

<p>pages 66–68 Ordinary Time is a special season to learn about the life of Christ and to grow as his followers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Ordinary Time through questions and student interviews. • Discuss the witness of the saints and liturgical celebrations.  Work on ways to celebrate the lives of the saints. • Present All Saints' and All Souls' Days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing materials
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3 WE RESPOND

<p>page 68</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider ways families remember those who have died. 	
<p>Text page 69 Guide page 69–70 We Respond in Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on the Resurrection and pray for those who have died.  Sing a song in honor of the saints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer space items: green cloth; icon or picture of Jesus; statue of the patron saint of the parish; white battery-operated candle  "Saints of God," Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt, #6, Grade 5 CD
<p>Text page 70 Guide pages 69–70, 70A Project Disciple</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Project Disciple activities. • Complete Reproducible Master 7 activity. See guide pages 70A and 65C. • Discuss/send home Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 70B. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • copies of Reproducible Master 7, guide page 70A. • copies of Sharing Faith with My Family, guide page 70B.

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