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**July 2023 Parish Bulletin**

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**All services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted**

July 2, 2023: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time\*

July 9, 2023: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:  
**Mass Intention: Tony Nikodem**

July 16, 2023: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**\*Quarterly Healing Service**

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## Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## **Sunday Gospel Reflections**

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

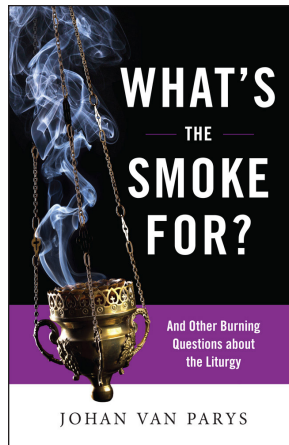
**July 2, 2023 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** “Whoever gives only a cup of cold water...will surely not lose his reward.” The promise Jesus makes in the Gospel is illustrated by the story of Elisha and the Shunemite woman. Kindness to God’s servants is one way we can practice St. Paul’s exhortation about *living for God*. How else can we live for God? (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a, Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42)

**July 9, 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Two of the evangelists quote today’s passage from Zechariah in connection with Jesus’ public entry into Jerusalem. This portrait of the Savior, meek and proclaiming peace, is paralleled by Jesus’ image of himself as a meek and humble yoke-mate with each of us. Teamed with him, we are “in the Spirit,” as St. Paul says, and gain the upper hand over temptation and sin. (Zechariah 9:9-10, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30)

**July 16, 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** God’s word will go forth to do his will, says Isaiah. And Jesus explains that it will be received like seed falling on different kinds of soil. But progress involves personal struggle, states St. Paul, who nevertheless adds: “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.” We live with that hope. (Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23)

**July 23, 2023 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** “You taught your people...that those who are just must be kind.” The Gospel notes, “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.” We are called to be compassionate, like our Father in heaven, but we need help. St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, presents the solution: “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.” (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43)

**July 30, 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In this Sunday’s liturgy of the word, Solomon asks the Lord for understanding, and Jesus encourages the disciples to understand his parables. Understanding, a gift of the Holy Spirit, perfects the virtue of faith. St. Paul reminds us that “all things work for good for those who love God.” Holy Spirit, help us to grow in love and understanding. (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52)



Dear Johan,

I understand what the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter mean. However, why do we refer to the rest of the liturgical year as Ordinary Time?

*Gentle Reader-*

You seem to suggest that you question the name of this season. If so, you are not alone. Many people are confused by the name.

The term “ordinary time” is a less than happy translation of the Latin *tempus ordinarium* since it seems to suggest that this time is common or unremarkable. A better translation would be “ordered time” or “measured time” or even “counted time.” By contrast to the other liturgical seasons, the name of this season says nothing about the meaning or importance of the season. It merely indicates that during Ordinary Time we do not progress through one season into the next, but rather we move from one counted Sunday to another in an ordered fashion. From a theological point of view one could describe Ordinary Time as time ordered by Christian prayer for Christian living. It is the time during which we celebrate and live the great and salvific mystery of God’s love for us as this was manifested in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from one Sunday to the next.

If you are not interested in the minute details of the calculation of Ordinary Time, I advise you to stop here and move on.

Ordinary Time comprises mostly thirty-three and sometimes thirty-four weeks. A year has thirty-four Sundays when the dominical letter of the year is A or G. The dominical letter (from the Latin *dies dominica*) is the letter a Sunday has when marking the days with the letters A–G starting on January 1. For instance, in 2014, since January 1 (day A) fell on a Wednesday the first Sunday in January is January 5 (day E), which makes the dominical letter for 2014 the letter E. This means that all days carrying the letter E will be Sundays in 2014. In the year 2017 January 1 (day A) falls on a Sunday, thus the dominical letter is A. Therefore, 2017 will have thirty-four weeks in Or-

dinary Time rather than thirty-three. Leap years get two letters, one letter starting on 1-1 and another starting on 2-29. If there is an A or a G in this combination there will be thirty-four weeks in Ordinary Time that year.

Have I lost you yet?

There are two segments of Ordinary Time during the course of the year. Between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent we have four to nine weeks of Ordinary Time depending on when Lent begins. These weeks are counted forward so that the week following the last Sunday of the Christmas season is the first week of Ordinary Time. The last week of Ordinary Time in this winter segment is only a partial week because Ash Wednesday inaugurates Lent. The days following Ash Wednesday are known as Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. The first week of Lent begins on the Sunday following Ash Wednesday.

The week after Pentecost inaugurates the second segment of Ordinary Time, which ends on Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. This segment is numbered backward from the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, also known as Christ the King, which is always the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. As a result, the first segment of Ordinary Time may end with the fifth week in Ordinary Time while the second segment of Ordinary Time, which starts the day after Pentecost, may begin with the seventh week in Ordinary Time, thus skipping a week. Depending on the date of Easter and thus of Pentecost this second segment of Ordinary Time can comprise between twenty-four and twenty-eight Sundays.

Thus you can see, there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, either in its content or in its calculation. If you made it to this point, you surely deserve a liturgical gold star.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Birthdays:** July 14 – Fr. Bill (**Happy 74<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Bill!**)

**Anniversaries:** Dwight & Emily Jacobi – July 9  
+Fr. Bob – July 20 (Priestly ordination, 2003)  
+Fr. Carl – July 28 (Episcopal consecration, 1995)

***Congratulations and Best Wishes to all on your special day!***

**Quarterly Healing Service:** We will celebrate our Quarterly Healing Service on Sunday, July 2, 2023, during the celebration of the liturgy. All are welcome to receive the sacrament.

**Mark Your Calendars! 2023 Synod – October 20-22, 2023:** This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at Mercy Retreat and Conference Center in St. Louis, Missouri, from Friday afternoon, October 20, 2023, through noon on Sunday, October 22, 2023. More details will follow in the coming months.