

Homily Summary – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Themes of Ordinary Time:

- **Growth, Going, and Hope:** The green color symbolizes growth, forward movement, and hope, echoing Pope Francis's Jubilee Year of Hope. What do you hope to make more ordinary in your walk with God?
- **Reflection on Life:** Ordinary Time offers a chance to reflect on our lives, consider our routines, and make resolutions to grow closer to God. It's a time to appreciate and find God in the everyday.
- **Mary's example:** Our Blessed Mother Mary found God in the most ordinary duties and tasks of daily life. That is the task up to us in this season of Ordinary Time.

Practical Applications:

- Suggested engaging with resources like podcasts (e.g. Bible in a Year) or Formed.org.
- Encouraged regular prayer and confession.
- The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity emphasizes Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17, which we are called to make real by prayer and reaching out.
- Forming at least one 'Ordinary Time' resolution.

Scriptural Insights:

- **Readings:** St. Paul's letter highlights the diversity of gifts from the Spirit as ordinary yet extraordinary acts of God.
- **Gospel:** Jesus turning water into wine symbolizes the extraordinary potential in ordinary moments.

Inspirational Quote: "God is calling you to serve him in and from the ordinary.... There is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it." - St. Josemaria Escriva

Rhyme Summary:

Where can I find God in ordinary things?
How can I give each ordinary moment its wings?
What will I change, and how will I grow?
I'll look for God, in both my highs and my lows.

Ordinary Time's not just dull or plain,
It's about growth and hope, even in the mundane.
Green reminds us to grow and to go,
and more deeply each day God's love to know.

Reasons to come to Mass each weekend

Hebrews 10:24-25 - "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Exodus 20:8 - "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Luke 22:19 - "Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

Acts 2:42 - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

John 6:53-54 - "So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.'"

Psalms 122:1 - "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

Additional resources to learn more about God and the Catholic faith

- Check out the resource list available on www.frmerkley.com
- Catholic Answers: <https://www.catholic.com/>
- Word on Fire: <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
- Formed: <https://formed.org/>
- The Coming Home Network: <https://chnetwork.org/>
- Catholic Exchange: <https://catholicexchange.com/>
- Dynamic Catholic: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>
- The Augustine Institute: <https://augustineinstitute.org/>
- Ascension Press: <https://ascensionpress.com/>
- EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/>
- The Catholic Company: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/>
- Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/>
- CatholicCulture.org: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>
- The Thomistic Institute: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/>
- Ignatius Press: <https://www.ignatius.com/>
- Catholic Education Resource Center (CERC): <https://www.catholiceducation.org/>