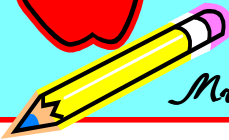




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4B News

Mr. Nguyen's Classroom Newsletter



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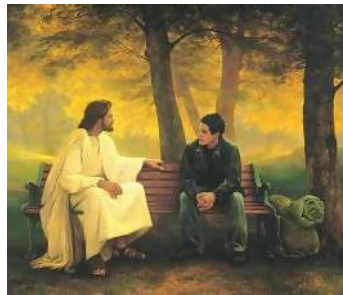
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*If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!*

Why Go To Church?

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:



"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAIN'T HENRY'S PATRON SAINT APPEARED TO HIM WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER AND SAID MYSTERIOUSLY "AFTER SIX!" YOUNG DUKE HENRY OF BAVARIA THOUGHT THIS MEANT HE WAS GOING TO DIE AFTER THAT AMOUNT OF TIME, SO HE LIVED LIKE A PIOUS SAINT. INSTEAD OF DYING, HOWEVER, HENRY WAS CROWNED EMPEROR AND REIGNED MAGNIFICENTLY, BECAUSE OF THE HOLY LIFE STYLE HE HAD ADOPTED!



Weekly Giggle

A man in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh-oh, I think I just made an illegal turn!" the man said.

"It's okay, Dad," the boy said, "The police car right behind us did the same thing."



Thank You

Thank you parents and students for your birthday wishes, cards, and gifts. Special thanks to Mrs. Bernal, Mrs. Loberg, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Rosenthal for Volunteering to be our chaperones on our Mission San Juan Capistrano fieldtrip this week. May our Lord repay you plentifully in heaven and bless you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

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.

The use of the term "Ordinary Time" was used before the Second Vatican Council, but it was not until after the council that the term was officially used to designate the period between Epiphany and Lent, and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Rather than being called the "Season of Ordinary Time," the times were called "Season After Epiphany" and "Season After Pentecost" After the new Catholic Calendar took effect in 1969, these older designations were no longer used. However, some groups (including some Anglicans) still use the older designations. Interestingly, the Church in the Patristic period never seemed to effectively and concisely classify or label Ordinary Time, even though the time certainly existed.

What Happened to the "First Sunday of Ordinary Time?"

As mentioned above, many Catholics become confused upon looking at their liturgical calendars to see a "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time," yet cannot find a "First Sunday of Ordinary Time." The answer is surprisingly simple. Remember that the first period of Ordinary Time begins after the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord (the Sunday after The Epiphany) has ended. This means that Ordinary Time begins on a Monday (or perhaps late Sunday night). The next Sunday is still reckoned "The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time," although it is more properly the Sunday of the second week in Ordinary Time. Thus, there is no real "First Sunday in Ordinary Time," but there is a first week of Ordinary Time.



... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.

<i>Religion - Christmas</i>			
Josh			
Michael	Kelsey	Jeremy	Charlie
Emily	Julia	Kayla	Maile
<i>Vocabulary - Toto</i>			
Michael	Katherine	Jeremy	Kelsey
Andrew	Emily	Julia	Trinity
Bill			
<i>Spelling 17</i>			
Charlie	Zachary	Kelsey	Katherine
Andrew	Emily	Julia	Lia
Kayla	Tommy	Daniel	

Upcoming Tests

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Ch. 5</i>	<i>Mon. 1/25</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Toto</i>	<i>Wed. 1/27</i>
<i>Spelling/Vocab</i>	<i>(not online)</i>	<i>Friday 1/22</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>Ch. 4, Section C</i>	<i>Thu. 1/28</i>
<i>Language</i>	<i>Friendly letters</i>	<i>Mon. 2/1</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Unit B, Ch. 1</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>
<i>Spanish, Music, Computer</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>

Upcoming Events

- Fri. 1/22:** Feb. lunch orders due
- Mon. 1/25:** Spirit Attire Monday
- Jan. 25 - 29:** Catholic Schools Week
- Fri. 1/29:** Catholic Schools Week Mass 10AM
2nd quarter ends
- Sun. 1/31:** Open House
- Mon. 2/1:** Spirit Attire Monday
- Thu. 2/4:** Pancake Breakfast orders due
- Fri. 2/5:** Noon dismissal
- Wed. 2/10:** Mandatory parent meeting 7PM
- Fri. 2/12:** Valentine Sweatshirts & Jeans day
- Mon. 2/15:** Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL
- Tue. 2/16:** Fat Tuesday pancake breakfast