

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

February 5, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of
financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

From the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (i.e., this year January 9), the Church entered the current liturgical season commonly dubbed "Ordinary Time." Despite its dull-like-polenta bland sounding name, the period dubbed "Ordinary Time" is misleadingly named. You see, this period of time is not so-named because it is ordinary, bland, and dullish. So, why is this part of the Church year called what is called? Great question, read on for the answer!

Why is Ordinary Time called "Ordinary"? Let's take a step back into 5th grade math class: You may remember Sr. Bernard (the name of my 5th grade teacher) or another teacher, teaching that there were three expressions of numbers, to wit, cardinal numbers, nominal numbers and ordinal numbers.

"Cardinal numbers," are natural numbers or numerals that allow us to count and quantify. Or as we were taught: Cardinal numbers answer the question of how many. You have three

eggs, you get eleven more eggs, how many eggs do you have. The answer is 14. 14 is a cardinal number.

"Nominal numbers" are numbers used to name things – Babe Ruth was identified by "3" on his uniform. The area code for Delaware is "302." A great performance is a "10."

"Ordinal numbers" are numbers that provide order and sequence. These are numbers like first, twelfth, sixth, 100th, etc. (To combine these number types together, one could say, the Phillies finished 4th (ordinal) this season, ending up 22 (cardinal) games back; I watched all the games on cable channel 35 (nominal)).

Built to Order. In any event, let's get back to the Ordinary Time issue: When term Ordinary Time is used in terms of the Church year, its meaning is tied to the concept of ordinal numbers. Ordinary Time refers to "ordered" or "sequenced" time. Thus we have the 2nd week in Ordinary Time, the 30th week in Ordinary Time, etc. It refers merely to fact that the

weeks are counted-up in order, and are in reference to no particular season (i.e., they do not order time to/from Easter or Christmas, but rather just count in ordinal form the weeks outside any Church season (i.e., Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter).

Here are some other items regarding the period of "Ordinary Time":

Color for Ordinary Time. In the Seasons of Lent and Advent, the liturgical color is violet, at Christmas, white or gold, at Easter, white. What about during Ordinary Time? The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green. You will see the priests commonly wearing green vestments during Ordinary Time, unless a special feast is being observed. Why Green? In the early 12th century many practices in the Church became codified, and we find the first talk of "liturgical colors" by Pope Innocent III. Canon (rules) were in place by that time designating proper use of colors related to vestments. Green was used on Sundays and ferial days (as is still case today), because it was deemed to be "midway between black and white." Back in those day, black was used in penitential seasons back then, while white was use for feast days of all of its saints except martyrs and other joyful days.

The Wearing of the Green? Green is thus worn throughout Ordinary Time on all Sundays unless a Feast of the Lord or a Solemnity lands on Sunday. It also worn on all ferial days (weekdays of Ordinary Time without a special feast or holy day/saint day). Occasionally, you'll see a Priest somewhere on St. Patrick's Day wearing green – clutch the pearls my friends, that is incorrect! St. Patrick's Day invariably occurs during Lent when violet is worn, and if you observe St. Patrick as a saint day (rather than as a Lenten weekday, as would happen in any parish named for St. Patrick), since he was a non-martyr, the color that is to be worn is white.

Sometimes It's not Easy being Green. Are there any Sundays when green is not worn during Ordinary Time? Well, if you don't count the Super Bowl as a religious feast there are 12. And when these holy days occur on a Sunday in Ordinary Time (and note, some always land on Sunday), they preempt the Ordinary Time celebration. On those special Sundays, green vestments go the way of dial-up internet and the WB

network, and are replaced by vestments of the liturgical color of the holy day being observed. These special days are:

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2 (white),
Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – June 24 (white),
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – June 29 (red)
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6 (white)
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Aug. 15 (white)
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – September 14 (red)
Solemnity of All Saints – November 1 (white)
Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Souls – November 2 (violet, white or black),
Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran – November 9 (white).
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe – Last Sunday in Ordinary Time (white)
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity -- Sunday immediately after Pentecost (white)
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (white)

How Long is Ordinary Time? Ordinary Time can be either 33 or 34 weeks long (which is about same length of time one feels like he is experiencing when watching "The English Patient," "You've Got Mail," "Seven Years in Tibet" or "Vanilla Sky"). It occurs in two segments: from the day after the Baptism of Our Lord until to Ash Wednesday; and then again from the Day after Pentecost to the day before the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest period of time during of the Liturgical Year.

Final Thoughts. As Catholics, with Jesus Christ as our Savior, and Mary as our loving Mother, there is no time in our faith life that is truly ordinary. If we are living our faith, our time is never ordinary, it is blessed. So, during this post-Christmas/pre-Lent period, keep fervent in prayer, strong in your faith, and stay close to Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament – if you do that, these days called Ordinary will be extraordinary times for you!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Feb. 5 8:30am: Ellen Dragotto
11:00: Jim Rodimak
Misa en Español **7pm: Bishop Michael Saltarelli**
Thu., Feb. 9 7pm: For the People
Sun., Feb. 12 8:30: Robert Messner
11:00: Deceased Members of ICC
Misa en Español **7pm: For the People**

The Mass book for the 2017 year is now open.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 6,128.71
St. Thomas More Academy: \$656.12

Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offertory

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.

TAX LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Feb 5 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Feb 12 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

Feb 19 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Church Cleaning Crew

February 11, Grupo #2

Juan Díaz Reynoso, Marlene García, Leonel Juárez, Ángela Córdova, Bernardo De Paz

February 18, Grupo #3

Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso, Perez, Oscas Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

February 24, Grupo #4

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, Egidio Macario, Brendi Macario, Idalinda Perez, Bersy Perez

Altar Servers

Feb 12

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Vince Haass & Savannah Strauss

Spanish Misa 7pm – Jeff Gabriel & Sofia Ramirez

If you are interested in being an altar server, please let us know. You may talk to the Deacons or another Altar server for instructions for training.

Lectors

Feb 12

8:30am Mass – Theresa Thompson

11:00am Mass – Donna King

Spanish Misa 7pm – Haydi Fuentes, Fausto Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 12

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Brenda Lawson, Mark Plucenik

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Joan Stewart, Alicia Poppiti

Spanish Misa 7pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez



Shrove Tuesday Supper February 28th at 5PM

Breakfast items, chicken and burgers.

Donations Appreciated.

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring and coordinating this as a Parish Community Event.

PS - Helpers are still needed for serving. This is a great opportunity for students scheduling service projects.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Feb 5 9:40am SRE Classes

Sun, Feb 5 1pm RICA

Mon, Feb 6 6pm St Vincent dePaul

Mon, Feb 6 & Wed Feb 8 7pm ESL

Tue, Feb 7 6:30pm Communion Prep

Tue, Feb 7 7pm RCIA

Tue, Feb 7 7pm Juan XXIII

Wed, Feb 8 6:30pm 6Weeks with the Bible

Fri, Feb 10 9am-3pm Penny Party Prep in Hall

Sat, Feb 8 5pm Penny Party Doors Open for 6pm Start



Knights of Columbus

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. Come join us!

For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown 302-233-8336.

Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509



Annual Penny Party Sat., Feb 11th

Helpers needed to organize Auction
Items Feb 10th 9am-3pm Church Hall

BAKED GOODS NEEDED for our Auction Table!
They can be dropped off at the Church Hall Fri, Feb 10th 9am-3pm or Saturday Feb 11th 4-6pm

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

"I establish my covenant with you." (Genesis 9:11) Although this passage refers to God's covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

Parenting Pointer –

"Share your bread...Shelter the homeless...Clothe the naked." (Isaiah 58:7) Although this scripture is usually meant to urge people to go beyond their own families, if you are in the active parenting stage of life, it may be enough to feed, shelter, and clothe your own family. If you're stretched pretty thin this week, you're allowed to count that. It's holy.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

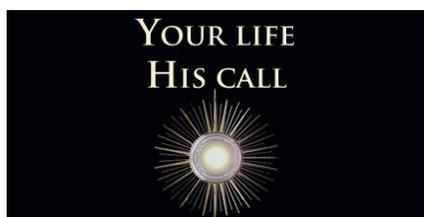
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

First Communion Preparation – Session #2, Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

Confirmation Preparation - Session # 5, Sunday, February 12, 12:30-3:30pm in the hall.

CATECHETICAL DAY- DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

Please join Bishop W. Francis Malooly at St. Thomas More Academy on March 11, 2017 for Catechetical Day. John Collins, William H. Sadlier's National Speaking Consultant, is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information on the day please call Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939.



Join Come And Seek along with other men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

Feb 8th 6:30 p.m. at

St Mary of the Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike in Hockessin, Delaware. Fr Chris Coffey at (302) 239-7100 x 24 for information.

Feb 15th 7 p.m. at St Francis de Sales Parish Office Complex, corner of Camden Av & Wicomico St in Salisbury. Fr. Glenn Evers at (410) 882-3244.

***Love without Measure*/AMOR SIN LIMITE**

CYM Pilgrimage: Now in its eighth year and better than ever. Plan today to join us on **April 8, 2017** for the CYM Pilgrimage. We hope to gather one thousand youth, young adults, and families this year as we walk the city streets of Wilmington with Bishop Malooly, carrying the Pilgrimage Cross from parish to parish. Plans include opening prayer, entertainment by the dynamic and light-hearted speaker and musician, [Cooper Ray](#), the chance to celebrate Reconciliation, to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, experience the Stations of the Cross, and stop by St. Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients. All pilgrims are asked to bring travel size hygiene items, non-perishable food items, and/or socks as part of our pilgrimage service component, assisting the [St. Patrick Center](#) which serves the homeless and those who are less fortunate. Contact Alicia Poppiti to attend with Immaculate Conception. **Registration and fees due by April 26th.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: We are all called to be children of the light.

Question for Children: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

Question for Youth: How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

Question for Adults: What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

5o domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Todos somos llamados a ser hijos de la luz.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué pueden hacer para llevar la luz de Jesús a la vida de sus familiares, amigos y personas que conocen?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo se sienten cuando Jesús dice que USTEDES son la sal de la tierra y que USTEDES son llamados a ser la luz de los demás?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué esfuerzos específicos han tomado para mantener su luz? ¿Ustedes dejan que su luz se apague? ¿Por qué?

Catholic Maryland Constituents Meet with your State Legislators

February 15, 3-8 p.m.

St. John Neumann Mission Church, Annapolis

This is an opportunity for Maryland constituents to meet with their State legislators and share the Catholic viewpoint on issues before the General Assembly. Whether you're new to the Maryland Catholic Conference's annual **Catholics in Annapolis**, or an old pro, we are excited to share this event with you!

Registration is Free but required

Go to <http://www.mdccathcon.org/lobbysnight>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - MARCH 24-26th

is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together. A time to share their feelings, hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations, and do so openly and honestly in a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their lives.

Call: 1-302-220-9833 or visit: www.wwme-delmar.org Application Fee of \$100 confirms your food and lodging.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE

JAMES LENTINI 5 DE FEBRERO, 2017.

Estimados feligreses,

Desde el día después de la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor (es decir, este año el 9 de enero), la Iglesia entró en el actual Tiempo litúrgico comúnmente conocida como el "Tiempo Ordinario". A pesar de su nombre de polenta- insípida como un periodo común, el período del "Tiempo Ordinario" receptivamente llamado. Ves, este período de Tiempo no es llamado porque es ordinario, común y aburrido. Entonces, ¿por qué entonces esta parte del año de la Iglesia se llama lo que se llama? Buena pregunta, sigue leyendo para la respuesta!

¿Por qué el Tiempo Ordinario se llama

"Ordinario"? Vamos a dar un paso hacia atrás en la clase de matemáticas de quinto grado: Puedes recordar a la hna. Bernard (el nombre de mi maestra de 5to grado) o cualquier otro maestro, enseñando que había tres expresiones de números, a saber, números cardinales, números nominales y números ordinales.

"Números Cardinales", son números naturales o números que nos permiten contar y cuantificar. O como nos enseñaron: Los números cardinales responden a la pregunta de cuántos. Tienes tres huevos, te dan once huevos más, cuántos huevos tienes. La respuesta es 14. 14 es un número cardinal.

"Números Nominales" son números usados para nombrar cosas - Babe Ruth fue identificado por "3" en su uniforme. El código de área para Delaware es "302." Una gran actuación es un "10".

"Números Ordinales" son números que proporcionan orden y secuencia. Estos números son el primero, el duodécimo, el sexto, el 100º, etc. (Para combinar estas clases de números juntos, uno podría decir, los Phillies terminaron en 4º lugar (ordinal) esta temporada, terminando 22 juegos a tras (cardinales), vi todos los juegos en el canal de cable 35 (nominal)).

Construido a la Orden. En cualquier caso, volvamos a la cuestión del Tiempo Ordinario:

Cuando el término Tiempo Ordinario se usa en términos del año de la Iglesia, su significado está ligado al concepto de números ordinales. El Tiempo Ordinario se refiere al tiempo "ordenado" o "secuenciado". Así tenemos el segundo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, el XXX domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, etc. Se refiere simplemente al hecho de que las semanas son contadas en orden, y no hacen referencia a ningún tiempo en particular (es decir, no ordenan el tiempo de/hasta la Pascua o la Navidad, pero cuenta en forma ordinal las semanas fuera de cualquier Tiempo de la iglesia (es decir, Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma, Pascua).

Aquí hay algunos otros artículos con respecto al período del "Tiempo Ordinario":

Color para el Tiempo Ordinario. En los Tiempos de Cuaresma y Adviento, el color litúrgico es violeta, en Navidad, blanco o dorado, en Pascua, blanco. ¿Y durante el Tiempo Ordinario? El color litúrgico del Tiempo Ordinario es verde. Veras a los sacerdotes usar vestimentas verde durante el Tiempo Ordinario, a menos que se observe una fiesta especial. ¿Por qué verde? A principios del siglo XII muchas prácticas en la Iglesia se codificaron, y encontramos el primer discurso de "colores litúrgicos" por el Papa Inocencio III. Canon (reglas) estaban en su lugar por ese tiempo designando el uso adecuado de los colores relacionados con las vestimentas. El verde se utilizaba los domingos y días feriales (como todavía es el caso hoy en día), porque se consideraba que estaba "a la mitad entre el negro y el blanco". En aquel entonces, el negro era usado en los tiempos penitenciales, mientras que el blanco era para días de fiestas de todos los santos excepto mártires y otros días alegres.

¿El uso del Verde? Por lo tanto, el Verde es usado durante todo el Tiempo Ordinario todos los domingos a menos que sea una Fiesta del Señor o que una Solemnidad caiga en un domingo. También se usa en todos los días feriales (días laborables del Tiempo Ordinario sin una fiesta especial o día fiesta de un santo / día de santo). Ocasionalmente, verás a un sacerdote en algún lugar del día de San Patricio vistiendo verde – abrace sus

perlas mis amigos, eso es incorrecto! El Día de San Patricio invariablemente ocurre durante la Cuaresma cuando se usa el color violeta, y si observas a San Patricio como un día santo (en lugar de como un día de la Cuaresma durante la semana, como sucedería en cualquier parroquia llamada San Patricio) –no es un mártir, el color que se debería de usar es blanco.

A veces no es fácil ser Verde. ¿Hay domingos cuando el verde no se usa durante el Tiempo Ordinario? Bueno, si no cuentan el Súper Bowl como una fiesta religiosa hay 12. Y cuando estos días santos ocurren en un domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario (tenga en cuenta que siempre hay algunos que caen en domingo), ellos preceden la celebración del Tiempo Ordinario. En esos domingos especiales, los vestidos verdes van por el Internet de marcar y por la red WB, y son reemplazados por vestimentas del color litúrgico del día santo que se observa. Estos días especiales son:

Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor - Fiesta de la Candelaria .2 de febrero (blanco),

Solemnidad de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista - 24 de junio (blanco),

Solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo - 29 de junio (rojo)

Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor - 6 de agosto (blanco)

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María - 15 de agosto (blanco)

Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz - 14 de septiembre (rojo)

Solemnidad de Todos los Santos - 1 de noviembre (blanco)

Conmemoración de todas las Almas de los Fieles Difuntos - 2 de noviembre (violeta, blanco o negro),

Fiesta de la Dedicación de la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán - 9 de noviembre (blanco).

Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo El Rey del Universo – En el pasado domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario (blanco)

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad - Domingo inmediatamente después de Pentecostés (blanco)

Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo - 2do domingo después de Pentecostés (blanco)

¿Cuán largo es el Tiempo Ordinario? El Tiempo Ordinario puede ser de 33 o 34 semanas de duración (que es aproximadamente la misma duración que se siente cuando está viendo "El Paciente Inglés", "Tienes Correo", "Siete Años en el Tíbet" o "Cielo de Vainilla "). Ocurre en dos segmentos: desde el día después del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor hasta el Miércoles de Ceniza; Y luego de nuevo desde el día después de Pentecostés hasta el día antes del primer domingo de Adviento. Esto hace que sea el período más largo de tiempo durante el Año Litúrgico.

Reflexiones finales. Como católicos, con Jesucristo como nuestro Salvador, y María como nuestra Madre amorosa, no hay ningún tiempo en nuestra vida de fe que sea verdaderamente ordinario. Si estamos viviendo nuestra fe, nuestro tiempo nunca es ordinario, es bendecido. Por lo tanto, durante este período después de Navidad / pre-Cuaresma, manténganse fervorosos en la oración, fuertes en su fe, y permanezcan cerca de Cristo en el Santísimo Sacramento - isi lo hacen, estos días llamados Ordinarios serán tiempos extraordinarios para ustedes!

Suyo en Cristo, Fr. James Lentini, Párroco