Celebrating Ordinary Time

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 1, Session 5.

In Ordinary Time the Church celebrates the mystery of the life of Jesus.

Near the end of Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Ordinary Time means "counted time." It comes from the word ordinal and refers to time in a certain order.

Ordinary Time is a time to grow in our faith. We develop a deeper understanding of how Jesus wants us to live.

During Ordinary Time the first Scripture reading is often about the Hebrews, our ancestors in faith.

During Ordinary Time the second Scripture reading often describes life in the early Christian communities, and we hear about the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospels.

We trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, mouths, and hearts. We ask God, through his Word, to be in our thoughts, on our lips, and in our hearts.

We often see symbols for each of the Gospel writers. John is portrayed as a winged eagle because his Gospel focuses on Jesus’ spiritual nature.

The Gospel writers were Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They are also known as the Evangelists.

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