Getting Ready for Sunday!

9 June 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The season of Easter is over and we are now in the second season of ordinary time.

Green is the colour for ordinary time: look at the colour of the celebrants' (priests') vestments on Sunday.

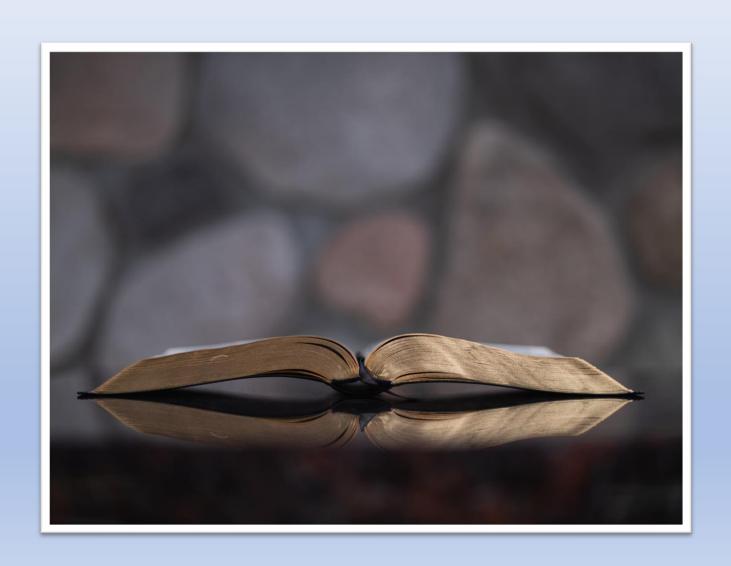


The term ordinary does not mean that it has no meaning! It is a season of growth after the Good News of Easter Sunday! We now look for God in the ordinary, everyday events and people.

All of life cannot be about celebrations: if that were the case there would be nothing special about the celebrations! Just as we need to value people on their birthdays, we need to value them on ordinary days too.

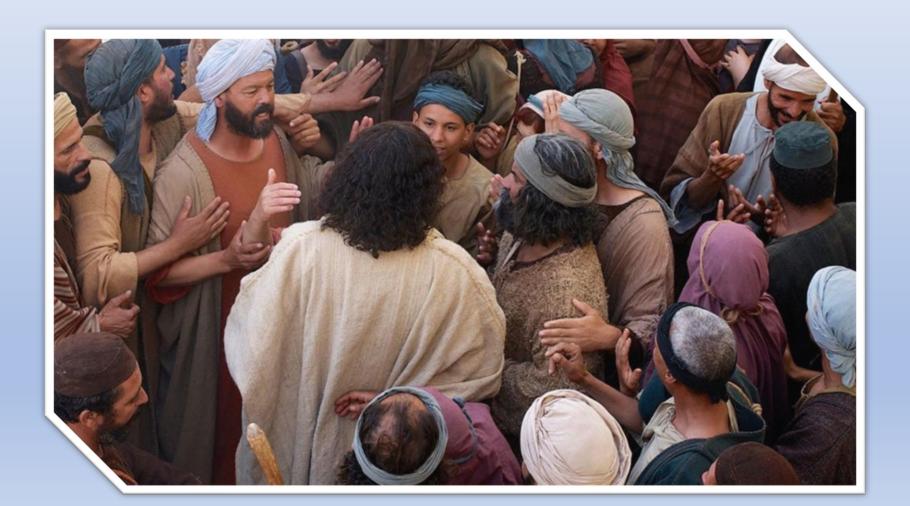
The same is true in our friendship with Jesus. We need to walk with Him in our ordinary days as well as the great times!

Mark 3:20-35



The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying,

'He has gone out of his mind.'



And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said:

'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.'



And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Do you work to bring people together or to drive them apart?

Are you a cause of harmony or of useless conflict?



And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand..'

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.



Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.

Do you do what you know is wrong?

Do you try to cause others to do what is wrong?

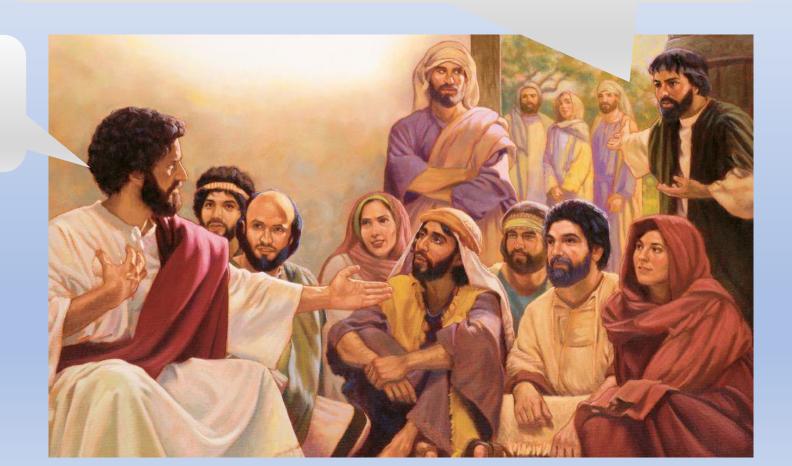
Do you follow a poorly informed crowd rather than what you know is right in your heart?



Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him:

Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.

Who are my mother and my brothers?



And looking at those who sat around him, he said:

Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.



Bible Search

Read Mark 3:20-35 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Activity

Write down what you feel and think as you read or hear the story.

Draw a picture to show the message that you got from today's Gospel!



Consider

Jesus brings about hope in sadness and loss!

Where do you need to ask Jesus to bring hope to your life? Where is there hope in your life?



Praying to Jesus

Pray for the grace to be hopeful this week.

Ask God to help you to see the positive side of life.

