

The Liturgical Year: The cycle of feasts and seasons celebrating the events of Jesus' life and his presence in the Church.

“Ordinary Time” - name comes from the word ordinal.

- “Ordinal” numbers are numbers that go in order (1st, 2nd, 3rd...33rd...)
- We count the Sundays of the Liturgical year in number order.
- ~~There are 33 Sundays in Ordinary Time.~~
 - Correction by Mrs. Cunnane! *I won't ask you this on the test since I made a mistake on our notes!* There are 33 OR 34 Sundays in Ordinary time. It varies from year to year since Easter isn't on the same date every year. This year there were actually 33! Sunday, November 19 was listed as “The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time”. This last week before Advent is the 34th week in Ordinary Time this year. I'll clarify this in class tomorrow!
- The last Sunday in the Church year is the **Feast of Christ the King** (the 34rd Sunday in Ordinary Time this year)
 - The feast of Christ the King reminds us that earthly leaders will come and go, but ultimately, GOD is the ruler of our lives. He is the King of all Creation!
 - Mrs. Cunnane's unofficial view on Christ the King: It's like our Catholic New Year's Eve. 😊 I love the feast of Christ the King because it means Advent and Christmas are next!

Advent - The season that starts a new Liturgical year.

- When you go to Mass on the first Sunday of Advent you'll see new missals in the pews. The Sunday cycle of Mass readings is divided into 3 years (A, B, and C). We start a new cycle of readings at the start of Advent.
 - **Year A** - The Gospel of Matthew
 - Christ the King 2023 will be the last Sunday of Cycle A
 - **Year B** - The Gospel of Mark (and chapter 6 of John)
 - This is what we'll be hearing in Advent and in 2024.
 - **Year C** - The Gospel of Luke
 - The other readings from the Gospel of John are used for various feasts and holy days over the course of all three years.

We'll continue with Advent at the beginning of December when Advent begins. We'll learn about the other seasons of the Liturgical year as we come upon them!