

Weekly Reflection

Beyond Appearances: The Righteousness Jesus Desires
Matthew 5:20

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a startling statement: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). The Pharisees were known for their careful observance of religious laws, yet Jesus reminds us that true righteousness is more than external obedience. God is not impressed by appearances alone; He desires hearts that are sincere, humble, and transformed by love. Christian discipleship is not about checking off religious duties or seeking the approval of others. It is about allowing God's grace to shape our thoughts, words, and actions from within.



A person may attend Mass regularly, pray faithfully, and still harbor resentment, pride, or a lack of compassion. Jesus calls us to a deeper holiness—one that is reflected in mercy, forgiveness, integrity, and genuine love for our neighbors. As we journey through this week, let us ask the Holy Spirit to purify our hearts so that our faith is not merely something we practice, but something we truly live. May our righteousness be seen not in outward displays of piety, but in the quiet, everyday witness of lives rooted in Christ's love.

Readings & Hymns

Hymns for This Sunday

Processional :151 (Awake my soul)

Offertory: 158 (O Splendor)

Communion : 195 (Father we...)

Recessional :301 (Immortal...)

Readings

Old Testament :2sam19,16-23

The Epistle : Rom VI, 3-

The Holy Gospel : Mat 5,20—

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Trinity Time

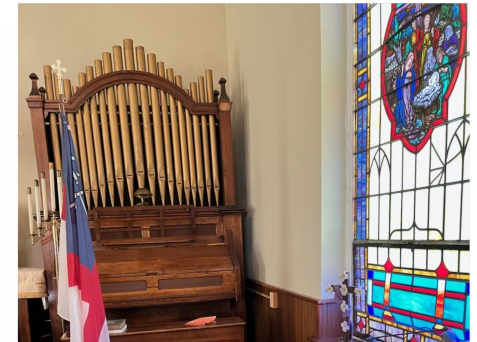
Trinity (aka Ordinary or)Time after resumes following the conclusion of the Easter season and extends until the beginning of Advent. This period focuses on the growth of the Church and the application of Christ's teachings in the daily lives of the faithful.

This segment of the liturgical year is the longest, spanning from the day after Pentecost to the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. It is a time for deepening understanding of the scriptures, particularly the teachings and parables of Jesus, and for growing in spiritual maturity.

The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing hope and growth. The Sundays are numbered from the Trinity Sunday following Pentecost and include several important feasts such as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the Solemnity of Christ the King, which concludes the liturgical year.

The Role of the Faithful

During this time, Catholics are encouraged to bear fruit in the spirit of the teachings of Christ



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This includes engaging more deeply with the Church's mission through acts of charity, community services. This period serves as a time of spiritual growth and maturation. It offers the faithful an extended season to reflect on the entirety of Jesus' life and teachings and to implement His lessons in practical ways within their communities and personal lives. Living Out Trinity (Ordinary) Time is an opportunity for Christians to live out their faith actively and visibly. It calls for a commitment to applying the Gospel's values in all aspects of life, promoting justice, peace, and love in the world.



Trinity (Ordinary) Time after Pentecost is a crucial part of the liturgical year that emphasizes discipleship and active faith. It challenges believers to continue the work of the apostles by spreading the Good News and living according to the teachings of Jesus.

Verse of the Week: Mat 5,20

“Your righteousness needs to exceed that of Pharisees”



Study Topic

Spiritual Awareness



Study Topic

Understand our church's history



Study Topic

Emotional support in time of Crisis

Ministries Update

VESTRY MEMBERS:

Amanda Miller, Sr. Warden
Immaculee Ayetan, Jr. Warden
Rick Frye, Secretary
Lynne Brisbane, Treasurer

Upcoming Church Events



Adoration service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 11:00 am



Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family

