

# 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.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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