

“Meeting the Lord in the Ordinary Time of Our Daily Life”

By Deacon Keith A Fournier

Ordinary time presents us with an opportunity to consider the fact that living as a Christian calls us to meet the Lord in the real stuff of our own daily life. He is already there, walking before us and beckoning us to follow after Him. After weeks of preparing for - and then celebrating the Christmas season - all the decorations have come down in our homes and our church sanctuaries. The patterns of daily life now unfold before us and invite us to find the Lord in the midst of them. He is right there. We do not walk these paths alone. The Lord has broken into our ordinary time - and He transforms it from within. For those who have eyes to see His work, ears to hear His voice and Hearts open to receive his gifts of grace, ordinary time can become extraordinary.

... The Lord has made our weakness and frailties a path to a deepening relationship with Him. They can be a door to progress in our baptismal call to holiness of life and ongoing conversion.

We constantly need a Savior precisely because we are earthen vessels. The process of being emptied of self and filled with His life happens by grace - but requires our continual response, our cooperation, with His loving plan.

... The reality of our frail human nature is that we are weak and the struggles we face in our daily lives do not necessarily lessen as we age.

We fall and we fail.

The Good News is that the Lord is always there, ready to forgive, to heal and to help us to get back up and, with the help of His grace, begin again and again and again. It is not how many times we fall, but whether we get up. This is ordinary time, made extraordinary by our cooperating with grace.



Excerpt taken from: <http://www.catholic.org/news/national/story.php?id=58356>