

ADVENT & CHURCH CALENDAR



OCLA - NOV. 18, 2025

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The Liturgical Year: God's Streaming Service

The Liturgical Cycle is like Jesus' Netflix series – one epic story told in seasons!

3-year cycle

- Cycle A = Matthew
- Cycle B = Mark
- Cycle C = Luke

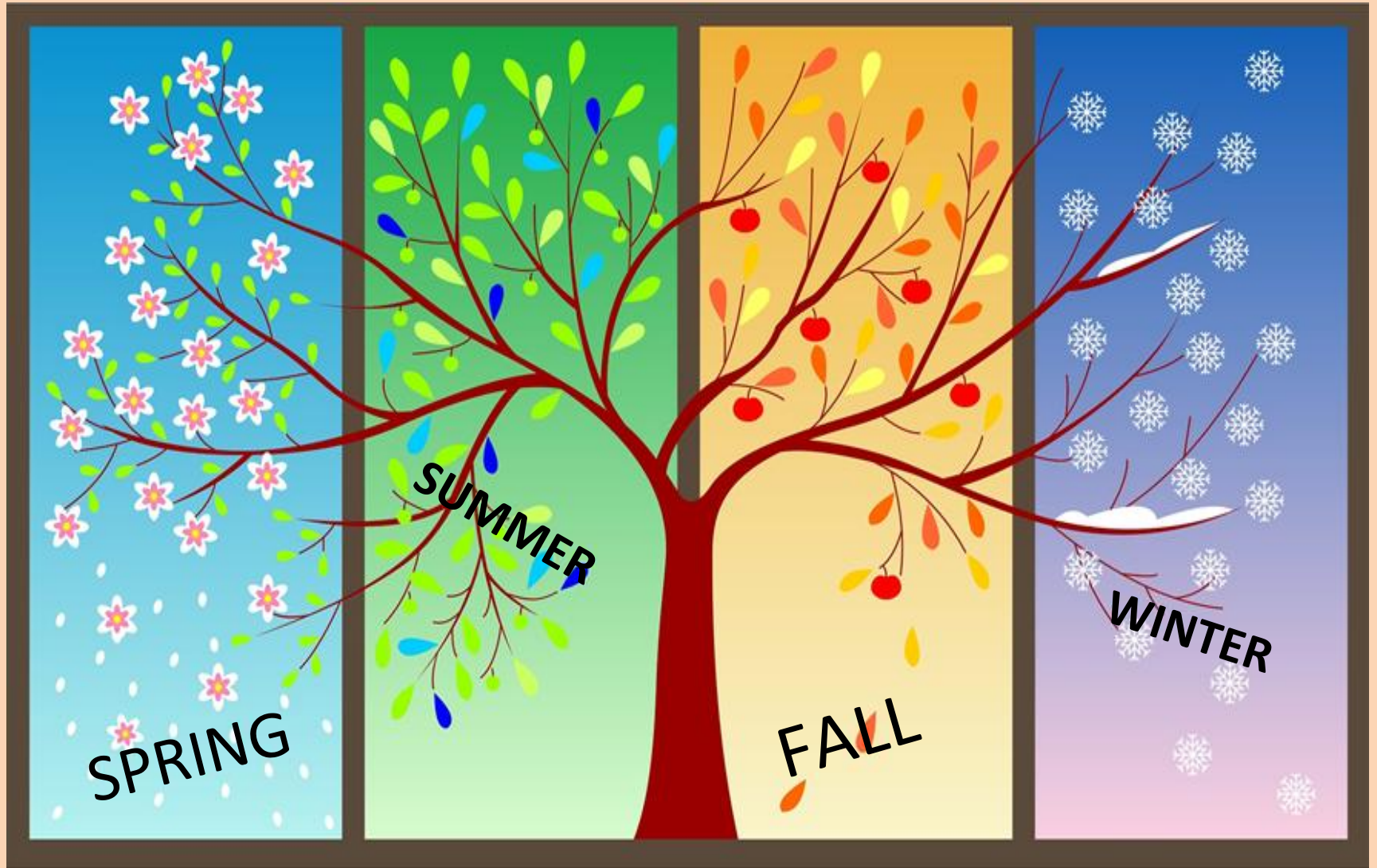


What about John?

- Synoptic Gospels:
tell the story
- John's Gospel:
reveals the mystery



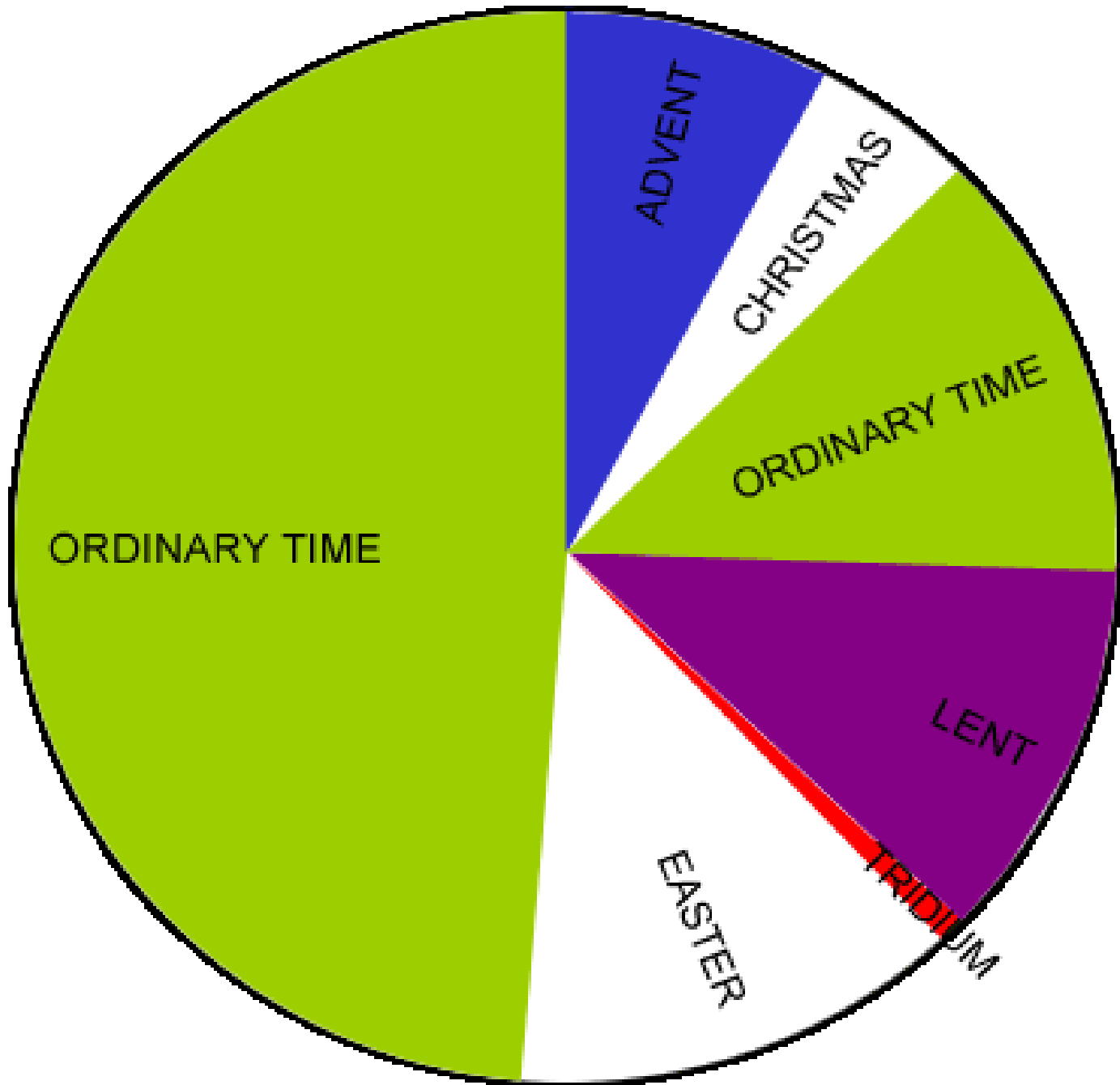
SEASONS



Seasons of the Catholic Church

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Easter Triduum
- Easter
- Ordinary Time (twice)





LITURGICAL COLOURS AND SEASONS

Celebrating the Church's year



ORDINARY TIME



PENTECOST



ADVENT



CHRISTMAS



LENT



EASTER

JESUS

The Catholic Cinematic Universe

ADVENT

Episode 1: Waiting for a Hero

START: Sunday, Nov. 30th

END: Wednesday, Dec. 24



Christmas

Episode 2: The Christmas Special

START: Christmas Eve Mass

END: Baptism of Jesus Sunday, Jan. 12



When you just witness
the birth of God

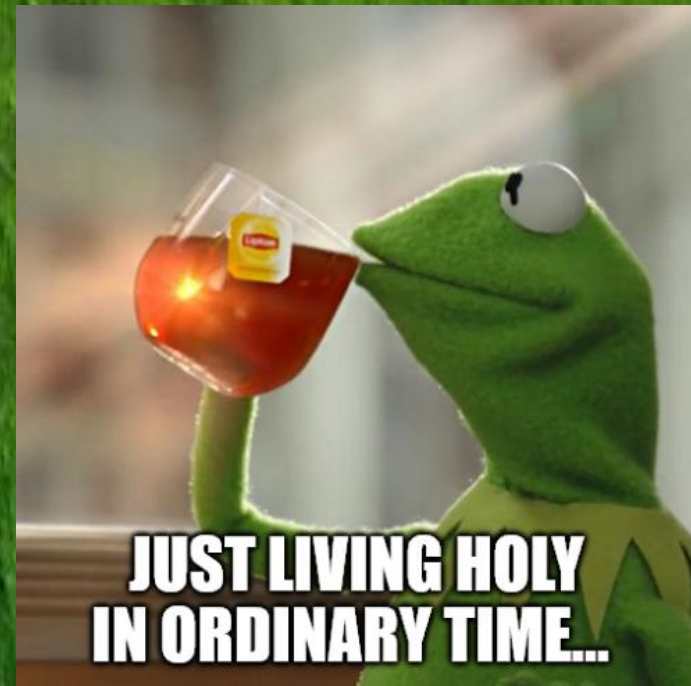


Ordinary Time (First One)

Episode 3: The Ministry Begins

START: Baptism of Jesus

END: Ash Wednesday, Mar. 4



LENT

Episode 4: The Road to Calvary

START: Ash Wednesday

END: Holy Thursday, April 2



Triduum

Episode 5: The Hour of the Cross



Easter Triduum

EASTER

Episode 6: The Dawn of Redemption

START: Easter Vigil, April 4

END: Pentecost, May 24 (50 days)

Death thought it won...
but here comes Jesus

Don't say it.
Don't you say it.

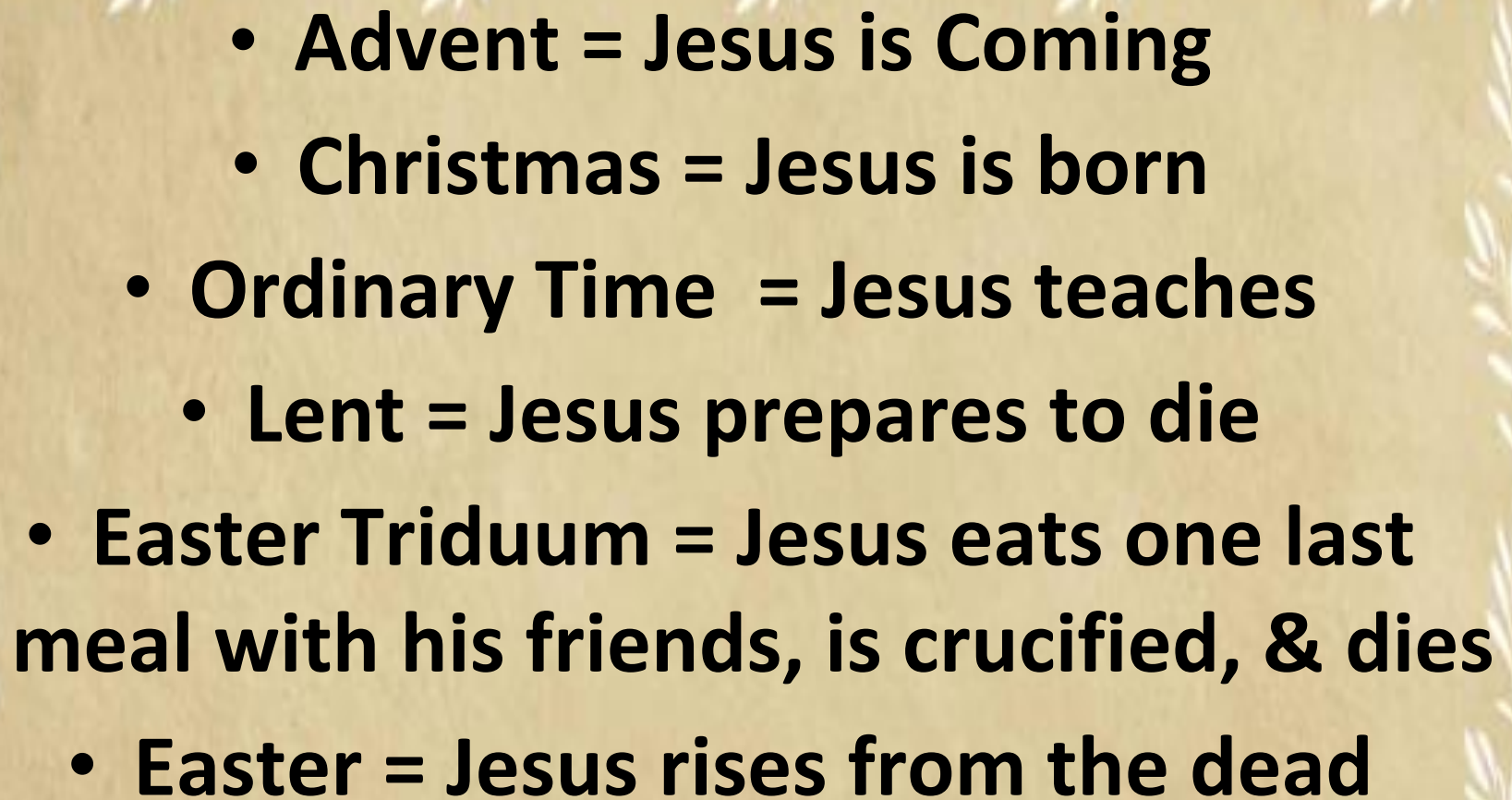
Ordinary Time (Second One)

Episode 7: The Adventure Continues

START: Trinity Sunday, May 31

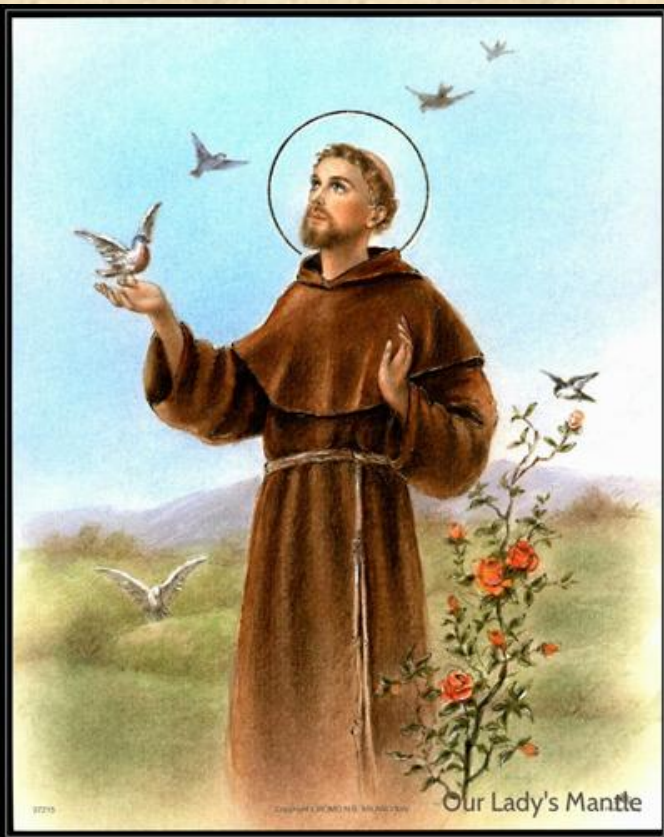
END: Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 29



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- **Advent = Jesus is Coming**
 - **Christmas = Jesus is born**
 - **Ordinary Time = Jesus teaches**
 - **Lent = Jesus prepares to die**
 - **Easter Triduum = Jesus eats one last meal with his friends, is crucified, & dies**
 - **Easter = Jesus rises from the dead**

Mark Your Faith Calendar!

Holy Days



Feast Days



IF NETFLIX CAN DROP
A NEW EPISODE WEEKLY

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SO CAN GOD



It's Time For A Break



ATTENTION

Advent Retreat

- Saturday Dec. 6 8 a.m. – 12 noon (sponsors included)

Rite for Entrance Sunday Dec. 7, 11:00 am Mass

- Meet at 10:45 a.m. (sponsors included)

Dismissal Dec. 7, 14, 21 (after the homily)

- **For Catechumens and Candidates** (who haven't made their first communion)

Opening up the word of God

****Every Sunday at 11:00 am Mass until April**

Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



When the priests says “Prepare the way of the Lord” and you haven’t cleaned your house...



Advent...

or Just Another December Marathon?

Our To Do List:

- Buying gifts
- Decorating the house/tree/lawn
- Traveling to see family
- Preparing Christmas dinner
- Mailing Christmas cards
- Christmas parties
- School plays
- Black Friday
- **STRESSING!**



Advent

God's To Do List:

- make room in your heart
 - keep hope alive
 - listen for My voice
 - forgive someone
- notice the lonely and reach out
 - share joy
- rest in My presence
- trust I am coming



God is less worried about
when you get your lights
hung up and more about
your heart being open





CELEBRATING

Advent



THE COMING OF THE
MESSIAH

Which Candle Speaks to You?

Hope: Where do I need hope renewed?

Peace: Where is God calling me to slow down?

Joy: What sparks gratitude in me?

Love: How can I love others more patiently and generously?



Recalculating Route to Bethlehem



Table Discussion

How can I prepare this Advent to **SEE** Christ in others and **BE** Christ for others?

How will I prepare my heart for a *true* Christmas experience – not just the day, but the encounter?





Hark!

*The stories behind our
favorite Christmas carols*

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ADVENT IN 2 MINUTES

