

what is it about ordinarytime



is it just a boring
humdrum time
where
nothing interesting
happens

and we mark time
waiting
for the deep blue purple
nights of advent
to fill our
longing hearts?

Or is it a time
to remember
and take to heart
Pope Francis'
words,

“Many things have to change course,
(and they do, the path of a hurricane for example)
but it is WE human beings above all
who need TO CHANGE.” *Laudato Si #202*

*The pages that follow are designed as an invitation for you
to use as a group, for personal reflection and contemplation.*

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ordinary time

*From evolutionary pentecost
to 1st sunday of Advent*

*the season of
the unfolding now*

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ordinary time is about

this beautiful day,
this unfolding moment,
this unimaginable NOW
the challenge of a new start
deep in our hearts.

it is about embracing the mystery
of Christ present throughout creation from the
very beginning, the same
mystery of Christ consciousness
unfolding in us now. Bruce Sanguin, "If Darwin Prayed"

*what is **exciting** about ordinarytime?*

the Season of Creation, happens in the middle of ordinarytime



It is the season of the unfolding now

“This is a time to realize and celebrate
that WE LIVE WITHIN A MIRACLE – life on planet Earth.”

WE LIVE WITHIN A MIRACLE

Earth has power. If we are going to
delight in Earth, we must respect it
as the living organism it is.

The first step is to recognize
the power of Earth.

WE ARE PART OF EARTH AND EARTH IS PART OF US.

how do

these words resonate

with you?

We are part of her and she is part of us.

Our justice is tied up with Creation’s justice.

Our salvation is tied up with Earth’s salvation.

Our fate is intimately tied up with the fate of our planet.”

Adapted from Bruce Sanguin “If Darwin Prayed”



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As ordinary time unfolds, with summer coming to an end and autumn in the wind



our lives unfold now

in empty and full

in wax and wane,

in noisy and silent,

in amassing and losing

in power of sacred wind

and holy water

in loving and caring

in giving and receiving

name what else is unfolding . . .

. . .

**There is something to be said for times of quiet - - -
time for the contemplative heart to beat in union
with the heart of the God of Love and Mercy.**

SPEND TIME in the natural world ---where there is wordless prayer going on. **JOIN IN** the silent prayer of praise **OF TREES, BIRDS, FLOWERS..**just be with them in their simplicity and grace.

What unfolded, opened out for you?

We know **ORDINARY TIME**, comes from the Latin word “ordinalis” meaning showing numbers. There are two sets of numbered weeks in the church’s liturgical year--- 33-34 weeks.

SO, LET’S GO BEYOND NUMBERS . . .

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*the challenge of a new start
deep in our hearts*

What is "Laudato Si" asking of us?

To grow in our awareness
of our common origin

of our mutual belonging,

and of a future
to be shared with everyone.

This basic awareness would enable
the development of new convictions,
attitudes and forms of life. LS #202

it is WE human beings above all
who need TO CHANGE.

*How have new convictions, new attitudes taken
root in you? What difference do they make?*



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What is "Love Cannot Wait" asking of us?

Live more simply, responsibly,
sustainably with one another
and with all of creation. Love Cannot Wait

*What changed in you, in your community and
what did the change require?*

What is creation saying to us?

Harvey and Irma,
*names we will remember for a long time,
longer than the long unfolding time*

the Season of Creation, happens in the middle of ordinarytime
*that is ordinary time. Their legacy of devastation is also a legacy for
"humanity to recognize the need for changes in lifestyles, production and
consumption in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes
which produce or aggravate it. LS #23*

Are there other links between Harvey and climate
change?

Yes, the storm surge was greater because sea levels
have risen 20cm as a result of more than 100 years
of human-related global warming. This has melt-
ed glaciers and thermally expanded the volume of
seawater.

Tropical storm Harvey and climate change

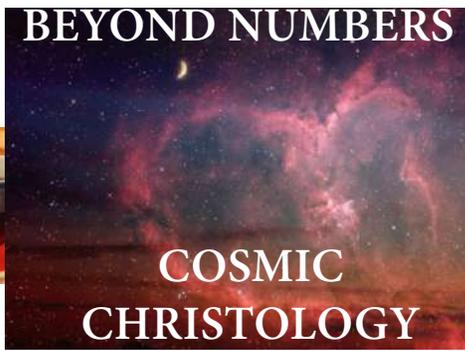
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A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we
are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the
climatic system. Many of the poor live in areas par-
ticularly affected by phenomena related to warming
and their means of subsistence are largely dependent
on natural resources and ecosystemic services such
as agriculture, fishing and forestry.

...changes in climate, to which animals and plants
cannot adapt lead them to migrate; this in turn af-
fets the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to
leave their homes... LS #205

GLOBAL

WARMING



*embracing the mystery of Christ
present throughout creation
from the very beginning,
the same mystery of Christ consciousness
unfolding in us now.*

What does it mean for us to live and grow from that relationship daily?



Ilia Delio, OSF has many YouTube presentations for viewing on the topic of Christogenesis, some are short 3 min + and some are an hour or more.

YOUTUBES just type in
YouTube Ilia Delio on Consciousness and Christogenesis: Teilhard's Two Energies 10:51 min

Ilia Delio - Evolution and Christogenesis 1:57

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“... creation is groaning in one great act of giving birth” (Romans 8:22).

It is time for NEW THINGS

to spring forth...

do you not see it?

“Indeed God is
not far
from any one of us.
not far
For ‘In God
we live
and move
and have
our very being’”

(Acts 17:27-28).

not far

Use a mantra for contemplation
Begin in the loving flow of the Holy Trinity . . .
OR in Sophia, Wisdom, Guide, Lover . . .

Choose your own word or words

OR TRY:

In you I live
In you I move
In you I have my being

In you we live
In you we move
In you we have our being.

We live in you
We move in you,
We have our being in you



*the season of
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CREATE

*create your own novena,
choose your own theme
ending day and devotional activity.*

A novena, nine days of private or public prayer intended to obtain a special grace, favor or blessing has long been a part of the Church's devotions.

You can find novenas for everything

you might light a candle,
read a poem,
work in your yard

**Who will you invite to pray
your novena with you?**

Whatever you do, place yourself in the presence of God and offer your activity with your whole heart, mind and soul.

Focus on God's abundance simplifying, eliminating and giving away those things that you no longer use can become a great act of faith... and a great faith-builder.

With permission from Our Sunday Visitor:
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ACT

One of the reasons our faith can become limp and lose its starch is because we spend most of our time "thinking" and put "doing" on the back burner."

So put your faith in action. SSND SHALOM has a variety of ways to act for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

You can act out your faith in smaller, more homey ways as well.

Give some time to what these might be.

*love is
the reason
for creation*

*the unfolding now
unfolding
unfolding
creation*