THOUGHTS ON ORDINARY TIME

“WE’VE BEEN THROUGH THE SPECIAL CHRISTIAN SEASONS: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. We’re back to Ordinary time—the longest of all the seasons in our church calendar—thirty-four out of the year’s fifty-two weeks...

New Beginnings: Several times I’ve re-read Jesuit Fr. Walter Burghardt’s words: ‘Sometimes we want the new beginning without the old ending. We find it very difficult to let go. You must let go of where you’ve been, whether it’s turning 21, 40 or 65, whether it’s losing your health or your hair, your looks or your lustiness, your money or your memory, your love or a possession you prize. You have to move on.’ And then by chance I came across the following advice;

Take Time to think…
It is the source of power
Take time to play…
It is the secret of unending youth
Take time to read…
It is the fountain of wisdom
Take Time to pray…
It is the greatest power on earth

We are a people with short memories: Ordinary Time may well be the occasion of a never-to-be-forgotten incident: a first meeting, a sudden accident, a memorable sunset, the day we emigrated, our new school in a new found land, a new home, and new friends.

Then there is ‘timeout.’ We need a rest and so we take a break: halftimes in most sports—two intermissions in a game of hockey!

The multiple-choice day, the multiple-choice supermarket, the multiple-choice TV—is there a multiple-choice life?

All of the above? None of the above? Do we let life lead us through our ordinary time—or do we take charge of our ordinary lives, in our ordinary time?

– Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick C.S.Sp., taken from Spiritan magazine

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 12
• Sirach 15:15-20
• 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
• Matthew 5:17-37

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 19
• Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
• 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
• Matthew 5:38-48

“Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8
God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.

Amen

- Fr. James Martin SJ

**A NEW SERENITY PRAYER**

ALIVE

Join us on **MONDAY, FEB. 13** at 8 p.m. for our monthly Alive nights. Alive, beginning with a Mass for Peace, begins at 8 p.m. followed by adoration at 8:40 p.m. Come and join us for all or part of the night. A social will follow in the Bayer Rotunda.

LIBERMANN LUNCHEON BLANKET-MAKING!

Please join Spiritan Campus Ministry on **TUESDAY, FEB. 14** at noon in the Africa Room for our annual blanket-making service event. The blankets will be transported by Duquesne students participating in the Cross Cultural Mission Experience to Mullens, WV.

In many of these areas surrounding where we work, it is 45 minutes to get to a Family Dollar, grocery store or pharmacy. It is a full hour and a half to get to anything like a Wal-Mart or Target. So to purchase a baby blanket, a family would need money for gas to travel that far, the time of travel, a vehicle to make that trip and then the money to purchase the item. It is more complicated than just going to the store and buying a blanket for $20 which is why it is such wonderful thing that Duquesne volunteers take their lunch hours to make these blankets.

With substandard housing being the norm, many of these area homes are not well heated. It's not an exaggeration to say that a baby or small child will be warm because people from Duquesne took an hour to help make a blanket. To RSVP, contact **Mary Beth Calorie** at **caloriem@duq.edu**.

**TIME TRAVELING WITH THE SAINTS:**

**EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 5 P.M.**

**SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTER**

**TOWERS | 2ND FLOOR**

We gather to talk about the great Saints of the Catholic Church—both those well-known and those not so well-known.

You are welcome to come throughout the semester, even if you are only able to pop in occasionally. And bring your friends! Upcoming sessions are as follows:

**FEB. 20:** St. Katherine Drexel

**MARCH 13:** Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin

**MARCH 27:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha

**APRIL 10:** St. Bernadette

**APRIL 24:** End of the semester surprise

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**

On **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22**, the Knights of Columbus (KOC) will celebrate their 25th anniversary of being here at Duquesne. There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik and Archbishop Skurla at 7 p.m. in the Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Join us in congratulating the KOC on their presence and work here at Duquesne.
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SCM serves all students, faculty and staff—whatever their faith—by helping them understand and engage the University mission and Spiritan tradition so they can share it with each other, their communities and the world beyond.

Pastoral Care- Spiritan campus ministers are trained professionals, lay and ordained, men and women, who are available to serve the needs of Duquesne students, faculty and staff, especially on issues of faith, relationships and life’s struggles.

Feel free to contact Spiritan Campus Ministry anytime, but especially when...

- you are worried about grades
- you are in conflict over friends or roommate
- you have questions about your sexuality
- you have concerns about your family or friends
- your faith is challenged
- you or someone you know is ill
- you have questions on morality
- you are facing issues of death and dying
- you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- you need spiritual direction
- you are considering becoming Catholic, or need preparation to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation and/or Reconciliation

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LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

ASH WEDNESDAY is on March 1 this year. Take some time to reflect on how you would like to engage in the Lenten season. Spiritan Campus Ministry will have a variety of resources and ideas for you in the coming weeks, but it is always good to get a jump start on thinking about what Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving mean to you. Additionally, the weekly adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that typically takes place on Fridays following noon Mass will be Stations of the Cross for the Lenten season. Stations last approximately 30 min.

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