

# ORDINARY TIME



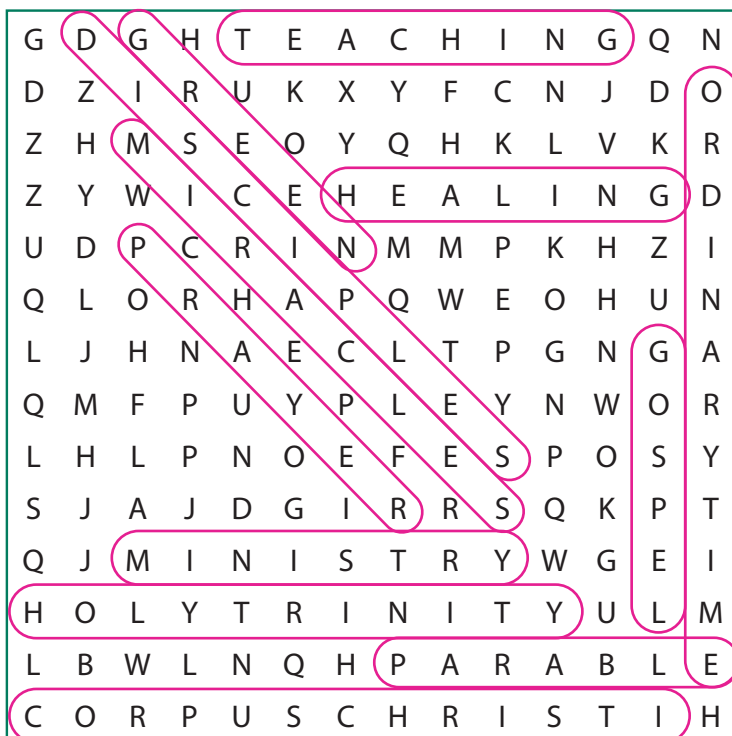
We mark Ordinary Time twice each year in the liturgical calendar. The first part comes after the Christmas season and before Lent begins. We return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost and the end of the Easter Season. The green of Ordinary Time symbolizes growth and our hope for eternal life.

Throughout Ordinary Time, we hear Gospel readings at Mass about Jesus' public ministry. We learn from Jesus' teaching. We pay attention as Jesus heals the sick, forgives sin, and makes disciples. As we hear his parables and miracles, we respond to Jesus' invitation to us to live as his disciples. We grow in our understanding of the Gospel and in our practices and habits of integrating God's Word and the call of Jesus in our lives.

Special feasts and solemnities also help us grow as disciples in Ordinary Time. For example, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple during Ordinary Time in winter. Or in Ordinary Time in the summer, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of the Lord. These celebrations (and many others) all bring us deeper into the Good News of Jesus.

From hearing the Gospels and taking to heart mysteries of our faith in Ordinary Time, we learn how to live as disciples of Jesus. We grow in practices of daily prayer and habits of worship, love, and service. We integrate Jesus' teachings and call into our lives in the light of his Resurrection.

**Directions:** Circle the words related to Ordinary Time.



## Word Bank

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| Ordinary Time | Gospel         |
| healing       | green          |
| teaching      | disciples      |
| miracles      | Holy Trinity   |
| ministry      | Corpus Christi |
| parable       | prayer         |