

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Well its ordinary time – 34 weeks long – only interrupted by Lent/Easter

- a. I like Ordinary time
 - i. God tends to reveal Himself in Ordinary day to day

I work at a Retreat Ctr. – Bro Joe dead at 77. Joe never wanted to be in limelight
Birdfeeders, out of the limelight, ordinary things (Ordinary Time)

One Mother Superior told me ...

Sisters saw the glory of God reflected in nature – in the birdfeeders
Not in some glorious talk of Retreat Director – in Bro Joe's birdfeeder
God reveals Himself in the day to day ordinary things of life.

Today we read the introduction to Paul's letter to Corinthians

Not much to it – it's the salutation, not too long, not too inspiring, pretty ordinary.

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”

That's the opening just 3 verses – Dear Church of Corinth - - -

But in that *ordinary* introduction Paul proclaims a truth that is easy to miss

“you, who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

HOW GREAT IS THAT!

Here is TRUTH hidden in the Ordinary

This isn't limited to Corinthians – this ordinary salutation could be to US
(re-read with SHARON or OLOS stressing underlined)

WHY NOT?

AREN'T WE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS?

AREN'T WE HOLY, WITH ALL THOSE EVERYWHERE WHO CALL ON
THE NAME OF JESUS?

We are sanctified, holy, united with all those everywhere calling on the name of Jesus.

Jesus is alive IN US

Jesus is alive in the midst of OUR day to day lives of Ordinary Time

If the Sisters could experience God through Bro Joe's birdfeeders

How much more can they experience Him in YOU,
sanctified and holy that you are

In the midst of Ordinary Time – make the effort to watch, listen –

God wants to reveal Himself to us