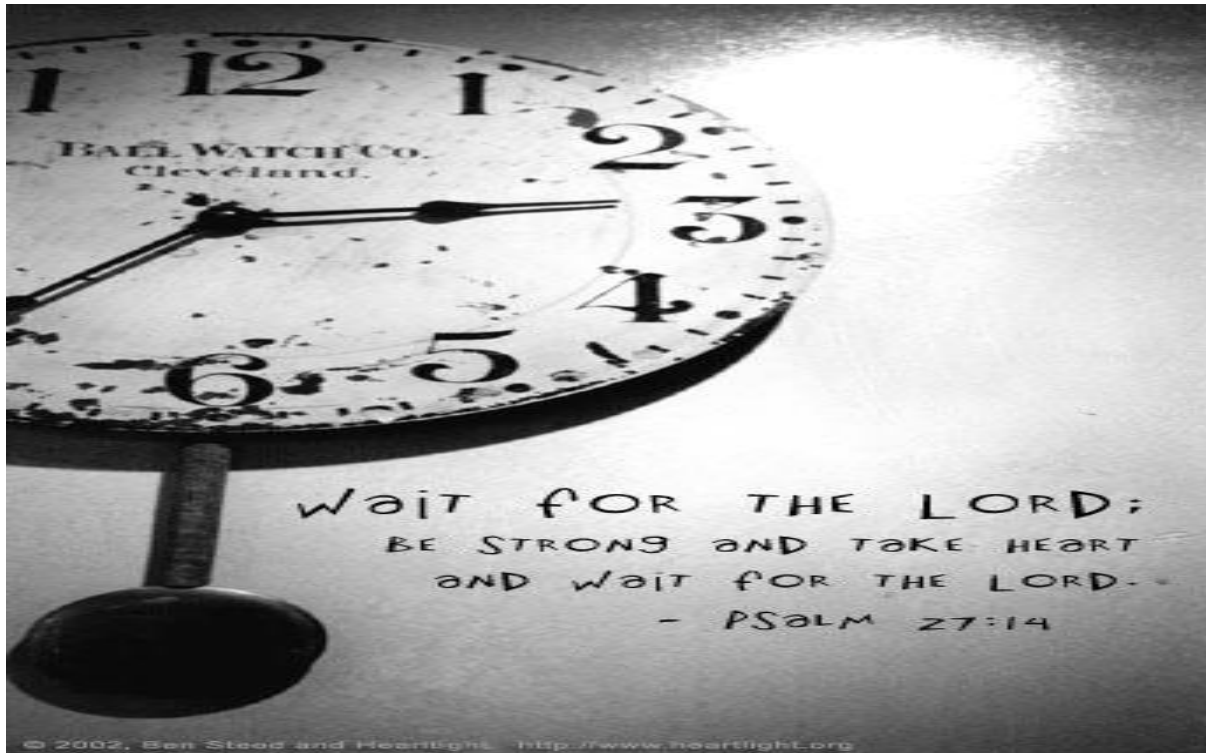


THE LITURGICAL YEAR



Learning Objective: To know why the Church has a Liturgical Year and why it is important.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

- The notion of time helps us celebrate life by marking and recalling the important dates and events in our lives.
- Ex: Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.



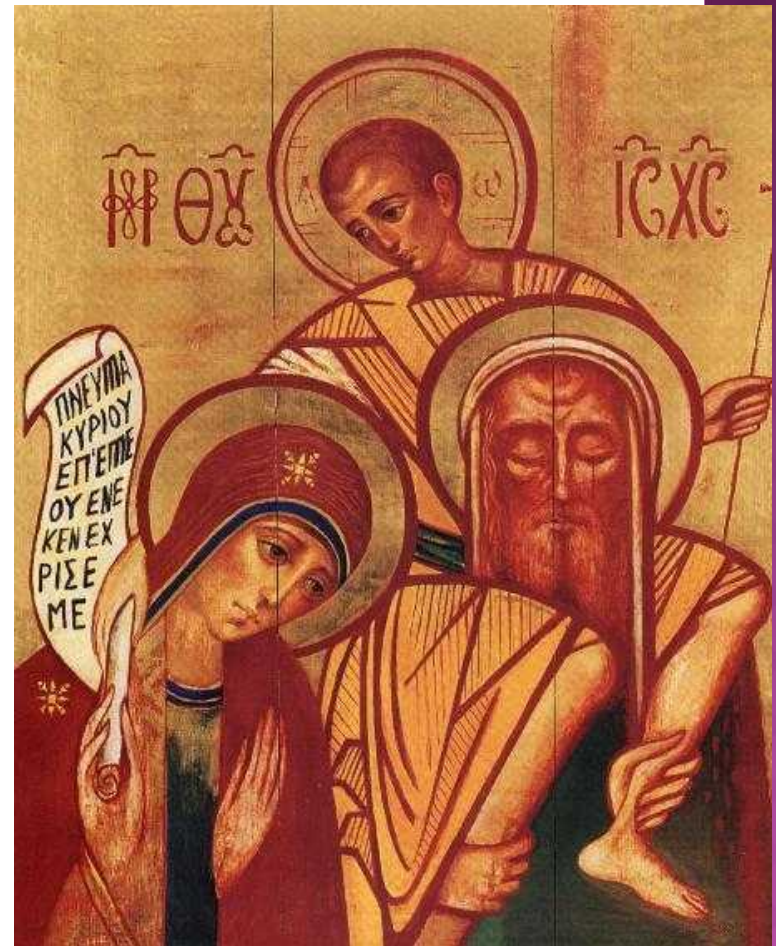
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- ◉ The Liturgical year or Church calendar helps us celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- ◉ This is called the paschal mystery.



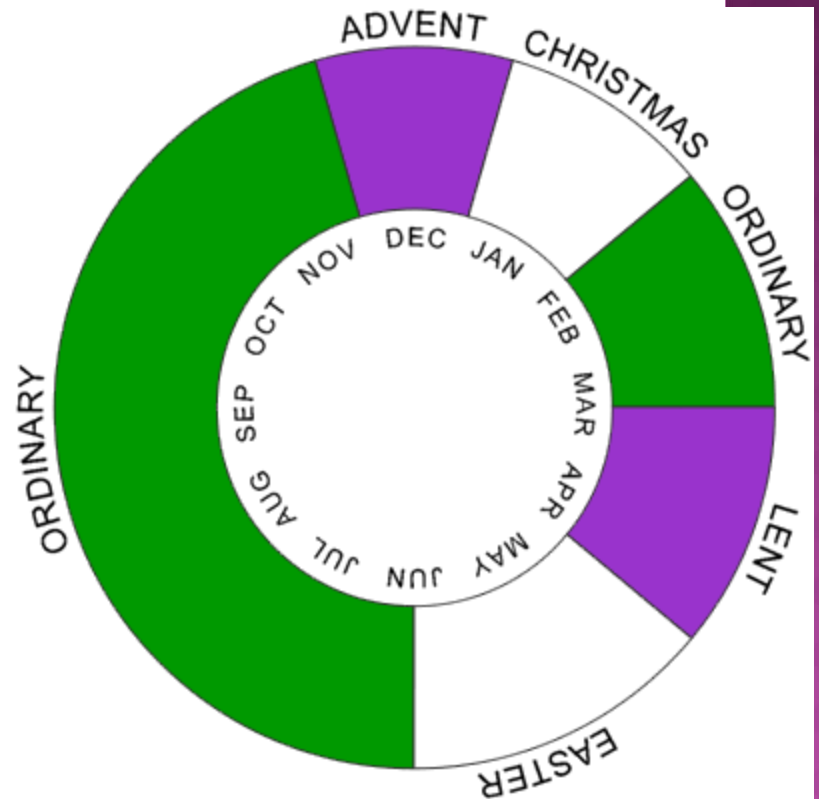
THE LITURGICAL CYCLE

- ◉ The Paschal mystery is celebrated through specific seasons.
- ◉ There are **five** specific seasons in the Church's calendar:
- ◉ Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter.



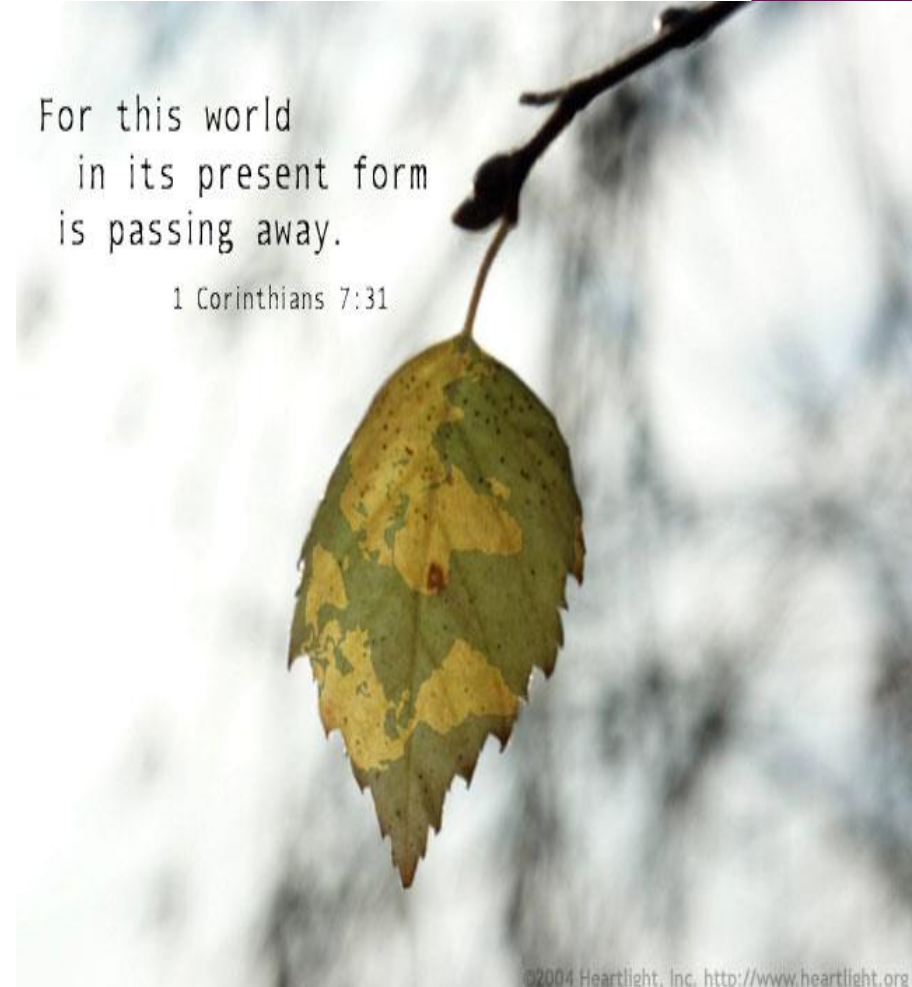
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- The Liturgical year is a cycle of seasons repeating itself at the end of each cycle.
- The Church year or cycle begins with Advent and ends with ordinary time.



THE LITURGICAL YEAR

- ⦿ The Church calendar or Church year begins with the Holy season of **Advent**.
- ⦿ The Church year begins in late November or Early December.
- ⦿ Four weeks prior to **December 25**.

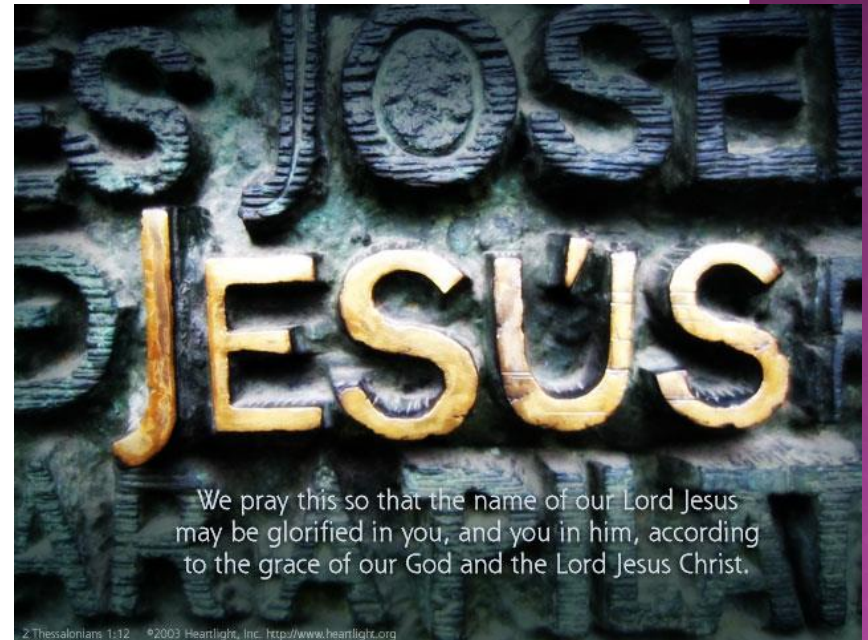


For this world
in its present form
is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31

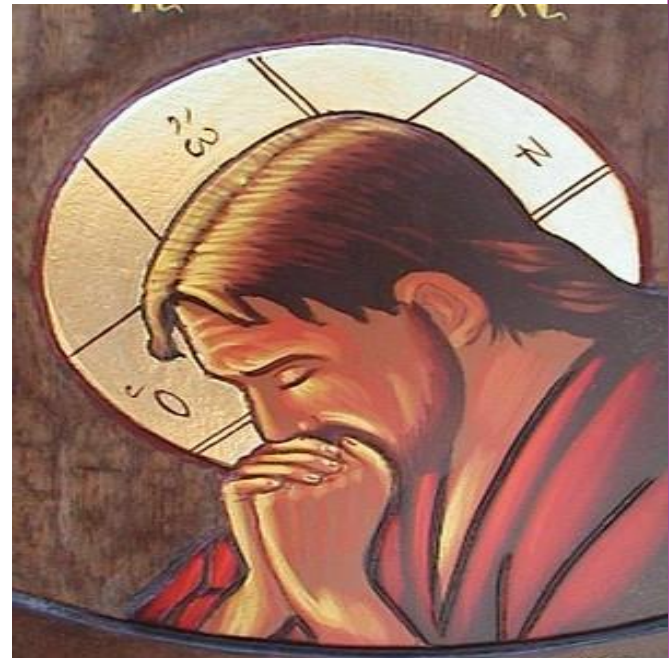
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- ⦿ Through the Liturgical Calendar **Christians express their faith in Christ their saviour.**
- ⦿ Each season of the Liturgical year celebrates an important aspect of Christ's life.



THE LITURGICAL YEAR

- Each season in the Liturgical calendar has a particular theme.
- Each season has a particular liturgical color.
- Each season concentrates on different parts of the Bible.
- Each season has different religious practices, and symbols.



COLORS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

◉ Advent Christmas Ordinary Lent Easter

Purple

White

Green

Purple

White

Symbols

Advent wreath

Nativity

Chi-Ro

Ashes

Paschal Candle

THEMES

Advent	Christmas	Ordinary Time	Lent	Easter
Awaiting for the Messiah Preparing for Christmas Final Judgement	The Birth Of Christ The Incarnation	The Public Ministry Of Christ	Repentance Conversion Penance	New Life Resurrection Witnessing

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

WAYS TO CELEBRATE THESE SEASONS

Advent	Christmas	Ordinary Time	Lent	Easter
Prayer Good deeds Penance	Reconciliation Acts of Kindness Peacemaking	Discipleship following Jesus' teaching in the routine of every day life.	Prayer Fasting Almsgiving	Sharing our faith with others