

# Ordinary Time

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## No Wonder

We have an entitlement problem. In order to escape this problem, in order to live lives out of the ordinary, we need to rediscover wonder.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who is one of the most interesting person that you've met? What made them interesting? What was it like?
  2. Describe a time when you felt justifiably "entitled". Why were you justified in that case, do you suppose? Describe a time when you felt entitled, but, upon mature reflection, realized that you were not.
  3. Is it true that those who walk through life as if things and people are "ordinary" are walking as if God doesn't exist? Describe a time when God's Reality woke you up to wonder.
  4. How do you respond to the statements that "the world does not owe you anything" and "God does not owe you anything"? Is this a discouragement and defeat, or are you able to take the next step: while not being necessary, you are wanted?
  5. Read Luke 17:10. While God loves us in His infinitely unique and infinitely abundant way, what does this verse reveal about a potential way we might approach God?
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## God in Real Life

1. Can you commit to cultivating wonder in your daily life this week? This commitment is a commitment to breaking out of entitlement and "ordinary" and into wonder, gratitude and an extraordinary life.
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## To the Heart

The first Pope reminds us of the fragility of our lives:

- A. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God, for: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field; the grass withers and the flower wilts; but the word of the Lord remains forever". (1 Peter 1:23-25)
- B. "Our hearts are filled with wonder as we contemplate your works, O Lord." (From Saturday Evening Prayer One, Week I)