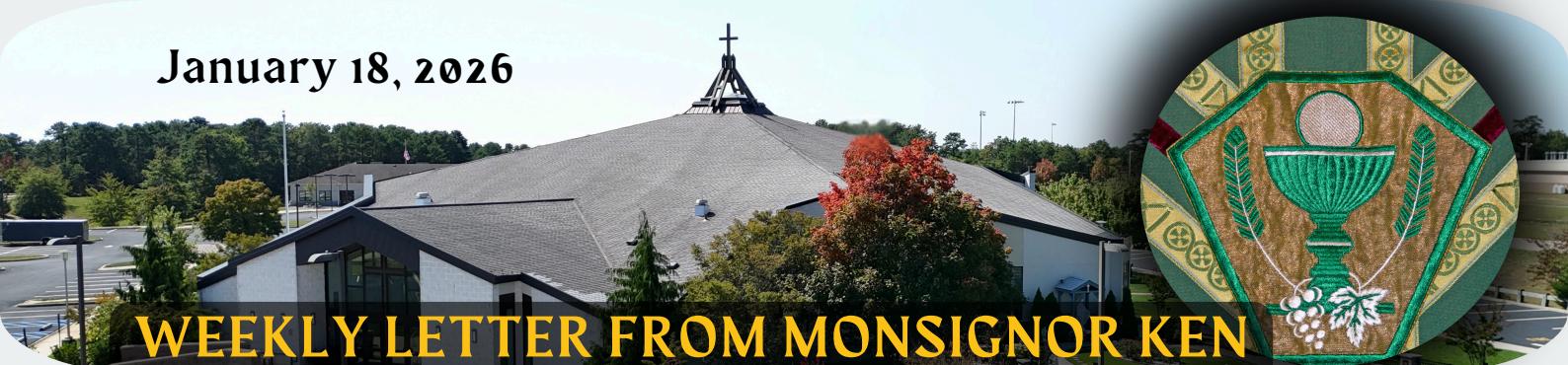


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WEEKLY LETTER FROM MONSIGNOR KEN

This year we did something different for our Christmas gift. We gave out Liturgical Calendars that can be placed in your home so you can keep in touch with the seasons and feasts of the Church's year. It is quite colorful, of course, using the colors associated with each season. A quick look at the calendar will reveal that the predominant color is green.

Why? The two major liturgical cycles are, the one we just finished, Advent/Christmas (November 30-January 11), and upcoming Lent/Easter (February 22-May 24), with the colors of purple and white. Well, that leaves all the rest of the year, 32 weeks, for what we call Ordinary Time, green. Of course, we celebrate the great mysteries of our Faith, the coming of Jesus, His Death and Resurrection, all year long, but most of the year is "ordinary."

Think about that. All of us have highlights throughout the year, the major holidays, perhaps a wedding, a graduation, but most of our time is spent in regular activities, eating, sleeping, going to work, or going to school. Much of our day is taken up with waiting and doing tedious or menial chores. What does that mean? It means that our greatness, our holiness, is determined by how we live in those little moments, our day-to- day routines.

I like to use a sports analogy. Since we're now in the playoffs for football, let's use football. Every player will most likely have a few highlights, a great play here and there or one really good game. However, the best players, the truly great ones, are those who perform, who give their best all the time. A good student applies themselves consistently. A good spouse gives their best each day, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. A good parent seeks to be there for the children all the time. A good worker shows up each day and gives their best effort each day. Of course, we are human, and will have bad days or slack off occasionally. The point is to consistently and regularly do your best. Greatness is revealed, not as much in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." (Luke 16:10)