

PRAYER AROUND THE YEAR

We all follow several different calendar years. For example:

The Civil Year
The School Year
The Fiscal Year

Each of these calendars lays some claim on us. Sometimes it is in directing our energies and our efforts toward particular goals. Other times, it is in eliciting feelings of hope or dread in the midst of celebrations and commemorations. Most times, it is in the wonder of how fast time goes.

In the midst of these calendars, we Catholics follow another one. It is not necessarily in competition or conflict with them, although it may seem so at times. Our calendar makes a simple claim – that all time is blessed because God has entered into our time when Jesus took our human form. Of course, depending on our experiences, this claim that time is blessed can be highly debatable. But this claim is not magical. Nor does it occur automatically. Rather, it is an invitation to mark the passage of time in our lives in the hope that any and all of our calendars have been changed despite sometimes overwhelming contrary evidence and assertions.

Prayer Around the Year is part of the Spiritual Life Program of St. John the Baptist Church. This program is a series of **single** evening opportunities for prayer and reflection that will be periodically scheduled to experience how time is blessed. We will take our cue from our Liturgical Calendar. Sometimes we will enter directly into our hope in celebrating a feast of Jesus. Other times we will commemorate the passage of time more slowly in the seasons of Advent and Lent. Still other times, we will retrieve for today the daily path of Mary and the Saints. At all times, we will acknowledge that those who have gone before us are still with us guiding us gently on our paths.

Please invite your family and friends.

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