

Liturgical Seasons

Have you ever wondered why the Church has different seasons throughout the year? The church breaks up the year into Liturgical seasons, seasons that teach us how to better live as disciples of Christ. These seasons are to strengthen us in every aspect of the life of Christ.

Hope

Grow

It is important to remember that the seasons of the church are not to be lived just once a year, but every day of our lives. Each morning should awake with the joy of the new day and of the Resurrection. The day should have the joy and charity of Christmas; we should live our faith with boldness, as priest, prophet and king, just as Christ the King. Each day is Advent in our hearts, waiting with joyful anticipation of the coming of Christ. Each night we should review our day and ask the Lord how we can improve tomorrow; in doing this we are living in Lent.

Wisdom

Vision

Every liturgical season is an opportunity to grow deeper in our faith, but what then do we do with that faith? We **MUST** put our faith into action. To live our faith boldly every day, is what it truly means to be a follower of Christ.

Love

Freedom

When we live our lives as lives of prayer, prayer with conviction, that is when God can work His wonders through us. "God has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world." St. Teresa of Avila.

Purpose

"The blind will regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Matthew 11: 5-6.

With each season God gives to us His gifts of love, wisdom, freedom, vision, purpose and growth. It is up to us what we do with the gifts we've been given.

To live as God has willed us to live, is the only way to live. To live the seasons of the church every day with all our being, there is no greater feat on earth!

God,

Help me to live as a beacon of hope,

A light to a world so hungry from the cold.

Help me to love, as You have called me to give.

And may my life become the greatest example of You,
not only in words or thoughts, but in the actions of my faith,
so that all may know the glory of Your truth.

Amen.