

Tips for Preaching to the Year A Sunday Readings



Contextual Comments (slides 1-13)

- Judeo-Christian (biblical) cosmology
- The view of the Bible since the 16th century Reformation
- Gospel of Matthew: theology, history, and literature

Season of Advent: Anticipating the “coming” of Jesus (slides 14-19)

- Advent: the “eschaton” – announcing God’s new future
- Preaching the Advent Sunday Gospel readings

Season of Christmas: Celebrating the birth of Jesus the Messiah (slides 20-23)

- Christmas: the end of Israel’s exile
- Preaching the Christmas Sunday Gospel readings

Ordinary Time I: Living the ordered (*ordo*) life of the Church (slides 24-28)

- Ordinary Time (short): Jesus launches the kingdom of heaven on earth
- Preaching the Ordinary Time, I Sunday Gospel readings

Season of Lent: 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (slides 29-35)

- Lent: “Your kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven...”
- Preaching the Lenten Sunday Gospel readings

Season of Easter: Commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead

- Easter: God’s new creation is launched (slides 36-45)
- Preaching the Easter Sunday Gospel readings

Ordinary Time II: Living the ordered (*ordo*) life of the Church (slides 46-57)

- Ordinary Time (log): Jesus establishes the kingdom of heaven on earth
- Preaching the Ordinary Time II Sunday Gospel readings

5 Takeaways for a fresh preaching of Year A