

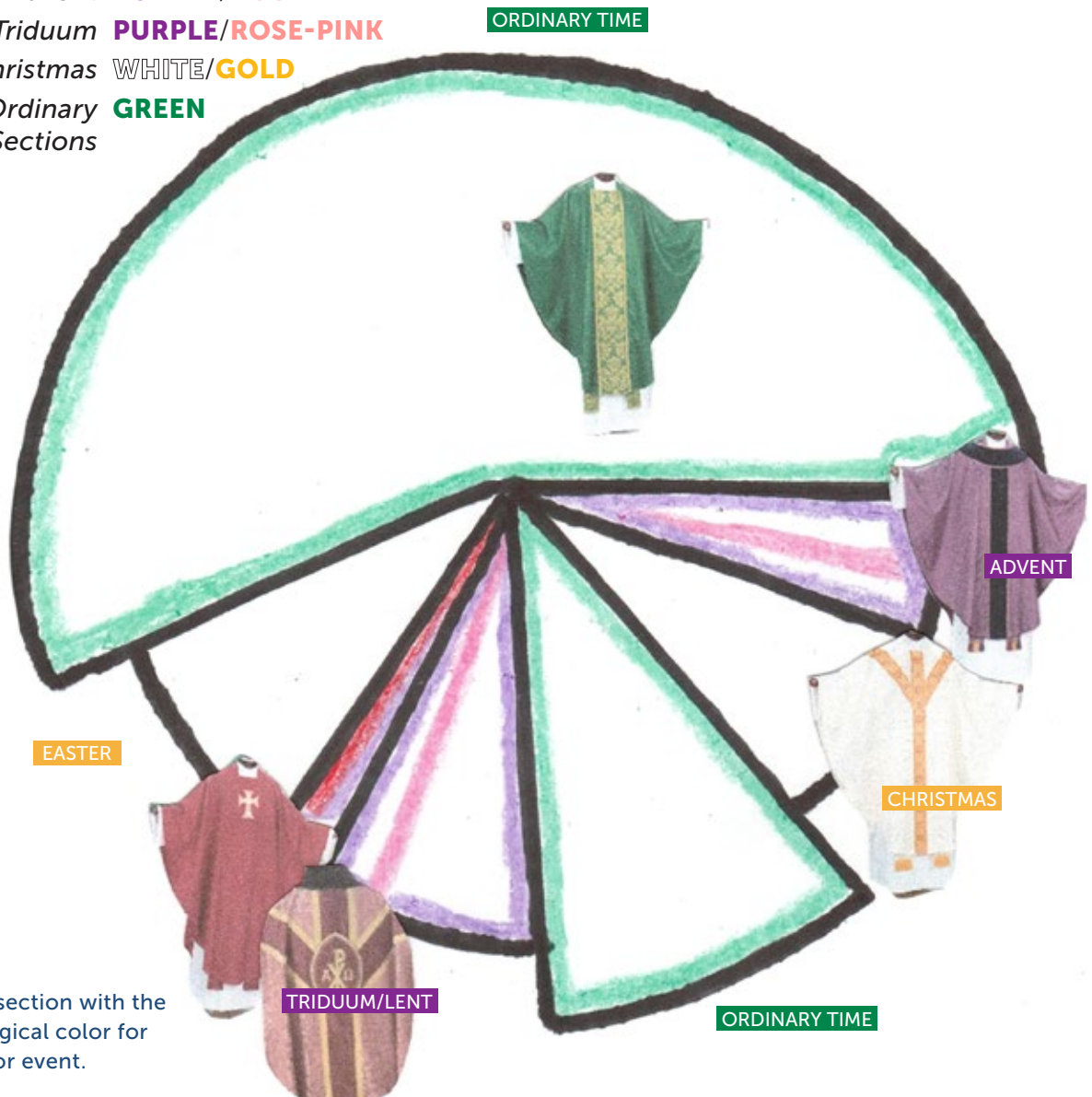
VESTMENTS

Through the liturgical year

BY JEAN GRANT

COULD JESUS, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, ever be “ordinary”? Never! The origin of *Tempus ordinarii* (Latin pre-Vatican II) is “ordinal” or “counted time.” The Church numbers the weeks of Ordinary Time while they remain in two groups for a total of 33 to 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time. The Mass recreates the Last Supper with the Paschal Mystery of Easter at each one. The colors of vestments coordinate with the key events of the season.

- Advent **PURPLE/ROSE-PINK**
- Lent/Triduum **PURPLE/ROSE-PINK**
- Easter/Christmas **WHITE/GOLD**
- Two Ordinary Sections **GREEN**



Color each section with the correct liturgical color for the season or event.

ORDINARY TIME

Sundays, solemnities, and feasts

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WHILE ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, LENT, AND EASTER are special seasons celebrating a particular aspect of Christ's life, Ordinary Time reflects the Gospels as seen through the eyes of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

There are three cycles of the Gospels. Matthew is Cycle A, Mark is Cycle B, and Luke is Cycle C. The Gospel of John is prominent during the Christmas and Easter cycles.

The beginning of the Church year is the first Sunday of Advent. The entire liturgical year is

aimed toward the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The colors used for Mass vestments signal the season or feast being celebrated. *White* (or *gold*) is joyful for Christmas, Easter, and major feast days. *Green* represents

life, growth, and hope. *Red* stands for blood, fire, martyrs, Palm Sunday, Pentecost, and the sacrament of Confirmation. *Purple* indicates repentance and penance. *Rose Pink* can be used for the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Below are short statements about seasons or lessons included in the Gospels. Write the best color on the line at the left of each statement. (Answers are given at the bottom of the page. If you wish to challenge yourself, fold the answer strip up at the dotted line while considering your answers and fold the strip down to check your accuracy.)

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| 1. _____ Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent | 8. _____ Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day, December 12 |
| 2. _____ "Come to me, all you who labor ..." | 9. _____ "You are the salt of the earth ..." |
| 3. _____ Fourth Sunday of Lent | 10. _____ Christmas |
| 4. _____ Stoning of St. Stephen, first martyr of the Church | 11. _____ "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?" |
| 5. _____ Easter Sunday | 12. _____ Feast of St. Joseph |
| 6. _____ Pentecost — the Holy Spirit breathes courage into the Apostles. | 13. _____ Jesus gives us the Beatitudes on the mountain. |
| 7. _____ Third Sunday of Advent | 14. _____ Holy Thursday in Holy Week |

1—Purple, 2—Green, 3—Rose, 4—Red, 5—White, 6—Red, 7—Rose, 8—White, 9—Green, 10—White, 11—Green, 12—White, 13—Green, 14—Red