



I'm hoping and praying that you all have a wonderful week. Those of you at the College will likely have some busy days ahead of you as you get ready to finish up this

semester. Some of you have finals to prepare for, papers to write, and others will be involved in sports events before taking off for your Thanksgiving/ Christmas break.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. That is the day that we, Sisters, celebrate as our special day. Shortly after I entered the convent, I remember memorizing a little poem about Mary's Presentation in the Temple. You might want to imagine Mary climbing the steps of the temple, as the poem states:

*When Mary was a little girl, about the age of three  
Right up the Temple steps she climbed -- God's special child to be.  
And Mary though a little girl; she worked - and played –  
and prayed each day, just like you and me!"*

I've noticed that this year, the day after Presentation Day, is the **Feast of Christ the King**, the last Sunday of the Church Year. The Church Year always consists of: **Advent and Christmas**, followed by a period of Ordinary Time before **Lent; then the Easter Season, and Pentecost**; and then comes a longer period of Ordinary Time ending with the "Feast of Christ the King". (You will notice there are two Ordinary Times in the Church year – one after Christmas, and one after Pentecost.)

The next Sunday after the Feast of Christ the King, we will begin a more solemn season of **Advent**, a time in which we prepare for the great feast of Christmas, the birthday of Jesus. I will write more about the Season of Advent next week!

**Blessings to you and your family!**

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