



### THE LITURGICAL CYCLES

9. The "Lectionary," the Mass readings from the Holy Bible, follows a Sunday cycle and a weekday cycle. The Liturgical Calendar follows a three year cycle, each year being represented by the letters, A, B and C.

10. During the year A cycle, the Gospel of Matthew is the primary Gospel that is used for the readings. In year B, Mark is the primary Gospel. In year C Luke is the primary Gospel. The Gospel of John is proclaimed on particular Sundays in each of the years.

11. On weekdays in Ordinary Time, there is a 2 year cycle numbered I and II. Year I is read in odd number years such as 2005, 2007, 2009. Year II is read in even years such as 2006, 2008, 2010.

12. It should be noted that if a person attends the Holy Mass everyday for 3 years, having been present for all the readings of the 3 cycles, most of the Holy Bible will have been read to him during that time frame.

### THE SEASONS OF THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

13. In each cycle of the Liturgical Calendar, you will find six Seasons:

- (1) Advent,
- (2) Christmas,
- (3) Lent,
- (4) Triduum,
- (5) Easter, and
- (6) Ordinary Time.