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In this time of ever-present unknowns, I invite you to tend to the green in your life—whether it is the promise of a spring, the freshness of new beginnings, or the groundedness of your daily practices.

While the majority of our lives are spent in the common, unspectacular moments of the everyday, they are not insignificant. Rather, one might say they define our character. What do we value? Are these values reflected in how we treat the earth? In what we do and say and think? In how we respond to suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

In this year of the Ordinalis, it is unusual to begin Ordinary Time in the season of Advent. The Ordinalis is the liturgical season of the church calendar that follows the celebration of Christmas. It is the time when we reflect on the life of Jesus and his ministry. In this season, we seek to understand his message, his teaching, and his example. We try to see how his message and teaching can be applied to our lives today.

In this season, we are reminded of the importance of simplicity and humility. We are reminded of the importance of compassion and justice. We are reminded of the importance of love and charity. We are reminded of the importance of faith and hope.

Ordinary Time is a time of reflection and meditation. It is a time of prayer and meditation. It is a time of seeking the Divine through the experiences of life. It is a time of seeking the Divine through the experiences of nature. It is a time of seeking the Divine through the experiences of others.

Ordinary Time is a time of growth and transformation. It is a time of change and renewal. It is a time of natural beauty and divine presence. It is a time of celebration and joy.

Ordinary Time is a time of ordinary transcendence.