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Dear Parents,

Purpose: To help listeners see the kingdom of God in their daily lives. The kingdom of God is growing or shrinking in our lives each day.

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1. The kingdom of God depends not simply on the days that we easily identify as red=letter days. The kingdom of God instead depends on whether our definition of normal is coming closer to God's definition of it.
2. When we say, "Well that's th way life is," are we reflecting God's values or trying to protect ourselves – or someone else – from accepting resonsibility for poor decisions made.
3. What is normal for us in the way we treat family members, neighbors, coworkers and members of the larger human community?
4. What is normal in the way we see ourselves? Do we regularly see ourselves short, denying some gift or talent? Do we exaggerate past achievements?
5. Is our world growing or shrinking? If we are open to God's kingdom, then our world ought to be growing to be stretching us toward accepting God's sense of normal.

Every Eucharist we celebrate should help us accept God's sense of normal and the importance of our seemingly very ordinary decisions.

Fr. Peter