



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *in the* ARCHDIOCESE *of* NEW YORK

Faith-Based.Future-Focused.

GRADE 2

THEME Jesus nourishes us and strengthens God's life (grace) within us.

OBJECTIVE To present Jesus as the model for Christian Living, and to introduce the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and Eucharist.

ROSARY Act of Contrition

SAINTS

SEMESTER 1 St. Peter

SEMESTER 2 Guardian Angels

ANYTIME Patron Saint of your School and Region

The Religion Teacher

“The religion teacher is the key, the vital component, if the educational goals of the school are to be achieved. But the effectiveness of religious instruction is closely tied to the personal witness given by the teacher; this witness is what brings the content of the lessons to life . . . Most of all, students should be able to recognize authentic human qualities in their teachers. They are teachers of the faith; however, like Christ, they must also be teachers of what it means to be human . . . A teacher who has a clear vision of the Christian milieu and lives in accord with it will be able to help young people develop a similar vision, and will give them the inspiration they need to put it into practice.”

(Congregation for Catholic Education, *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School*, 1988)

A few notes on using the Pacing Guides...

- Passing on the faith to the next generation is a primary mission of the church, and Catholic schools have participated in this evangelizing mission from the very beginning.
- The Religion Pacing Guides are truly *guides* for instruction. They are not the Religion Guidelines, nor are they a curriculum. They are intended to help the teachers in organizing their instruction of the content of the Religion Guidelines.
- The ***Sadlier*** and ***Sophia Institute*** textbooks/resources are not curriculums. Therefore, the Pacing Guides do not follow the order of any textbook. Hence, in the ***Resources*** column of the Pacing Guides, chapter numbers from the Sadlier* textbook appear inconsecutively and multiple times. (****We Believe*** Catholic Identity editions)
- There is time allotted for review prior to each semester’s testing window in January and June.
- The liturgical calendar notes are not part of the instructional content; they are included simply so teachers can be aware of celebrations in the life of the Church to inform the life of their classroom and instruction.



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Prayers of the Mass: Simple Responses Noted in the Pacing Guide for Each Month as **MR**

Newly Taught in Grade 2

1. Holy, Holy, Holy
2. We proclaim Your death O Lord
3. The Lord's Prayer: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever
4. Lamb of God
5. Lord I am not worthy

Review in Grade 2

6. And with your Spirit
7. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
8. Alleluia
9. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ
10. Lord hear our prayer
11. Preface Dialogue Responses
 - The Lord be with you* – And with your Spirit
 - Lift up your hearts* – We lift them up to the Lord
 - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God* – It is right and just
12. Sign of Peace
13. Dismissal – Thanks be to God

Available Resources

Sadlier Religion - Free Supplemental Online Resources

WeBelieveWeb.com Grade-level support featuring reproducible pages, games, *Lives of the Saints*, and more

Religion.SadlierConnect.com Home to all eBooks, online assessments, and Sadlier's Catholic Identity Links, an online virtues & values program, featuring 52 weeks of lessons and family components

Sadlier.com/religion/we-believe Weekly blog featuring prayers and resources to supplement *We Believe*

Sadlier.com/religion/we-believe-and-share Weekly blog from nationally-known speaker Kathy Hendricks and guests, offering reflections and prayer resources around current events

Sadlier.com/religion/resources Sadlier's Religion Publications Center featuring downloadable lessons, prayer cards, and more

Sadlier.com/religion/ You can shop online and preview programs here, as well as link to all the other sites

Sophia Institute for Teachers - Free Supplemental Online Resources

Archdiocese of New York Lesson Plans

- <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/nylessons> Links teacher guides for lessons for grades 3-8 to each unit in the *Sophia Institute for Teachers*. (based on ADNY religion guidelines and pacing guides)

Supplemental Online Resources

- sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/joy-of-the-gospel Seasonal lessons for Advent and Lent (and other liturgical seasons) can be found in the free monthly **Joy of the Gospel** elessons. These lessons help you to engage your students with the Sunday Gospels for each month. Each lesson includes readings along with interactive activities such as role-plays, attitude inventories, journal exercises, and more.
- sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/free-current-events Lessons about the Catholic Faith and other topics taught through the lens of current events can be found in the free monthly **Teaching the Faith with Current Events** elessons. These lessons use today's issues as a means of teaching Faith principles, and provides student-friendly overviews, news links, discussion questions, etc.
- sophiainstituteforteachers.org/elesson/heavenly-hall-of-fame Lessons for younger students on the saints can be found in the free monthly **Heavenly Hall of Fame** elessons. These lessons help you to introduce the lives of the saints to younger students and consider the example of holiness they give to us. Each lesson includes student-friendly biographies of the saints, discussion questions, interactive activities, a coloring page, and extension options.

Sophia Institute for Teachers - Subscribe

Additional free Sophia Institute for Teachers resources:

- **The Catholic Curriculum Exchange:** This searchable database of lessons enables teachers across the country to share lesson plans and offer reviews and tips about what worked and what didn't work in the classroom. Hundreds of lesson plans are available at every grade level and in every subject matter. The Catholic Curriculum Exchange can be found at the following link: sophiainstituteforteachers.org/curriculum
- **Sophia Sketchpad:** Sophia SketchPad is an innovative, engaging, and accessible video series to help young people better understand and live the Catholic Faith. The Sophia Sketchpad videos can be found at the following link: sophiainstituteforteachers.org/sketchpad

SEPTEMBER

VALUE: Faith

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God the Father gives us the gift of Jesus. 	SADLIER: Chapter 1
WEEK 2 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are in awe of God’s wonderful gifts of human life and of grace, a sharing in God’s own life. 	SADLIER: Chapter 3
WEEK 3 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the gift of God. (John 3:16) 	SADLIER: Chapter 6
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We celebrate Jesus and learn to follow Him. 	SADLIER: Chapter 7

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr
September 3	St. Gregory the Great
September 9	St. Peter Claver
September 13	St. John Chrysostom
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 16	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang, and their Companions
September 21	St. Matthew
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
September 27	St. Vincent de Paul
September 30	St. Jerome

OCTOBER

VALUE: Choose Life

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother. (Luke 1:26-38) 	SADLIER: Chapter 25
WEEK 2 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary was always filled with a special grace from God. (Luke 1:46-55) 	SADLIER: Chapter 25
WEEK 3 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even before she was born, Mary was free from all sin. 	SADLIER: Chapter 25
WEEK 4 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect for Life: Especially the weak, unborn and elderly 	SADLIER: Chapter 26

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr
October 1	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
October 2	The Holy Guardian Angels
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
October 15	St. Teresa of Ávila
October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 18	St. Luke
October 19	Sts. John of Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
October 22	St. John Paul II, Pope
October 23	St. John of Capistrano
October 28	Sts. Simon and Jude

NOVEMBER

VALUE: Gratitude

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.4 MR 3, 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass for the Feast of All Saints In depth study of St. Peter and the patron saint of the school. Special activities based on saints 	
WEEK 2 GL 2.4 MR 3, 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is present within each of us by the life of grace. Jesus is present in the community of the church, the Body of Christ of which Christ is the head. 	SADLIER: Chapters 2, 19
WEEK 3 GL 2.4 MR 3, 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is present within each of us when we gather in His name to pray together. 	SADLIER: Chapter 24
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 3, 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph is the foster father of Jesus. Understanding Advent 	SADLIER: Chapter 13

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr
November 1	All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)
November 2	All Souls
November 4	St. Charles Borromeo
November 11	St. Martin of Tours
November 12	St. Josaphat
November 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 22	St. Cecilia
November 30	St. Andrew

DECEMBER

VALUE: Hope

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.2 MR 4,12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus the Son of God, who existed from all eternity, “was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.” (Incarnation) (Mark 1:11) 	SADLIER: Chapters 1, 14
WEEK 2 GL 2.3 MR 4,12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus came to save all. (Luke 2: 1-20) Jesus is God. His name means “God saves.” (Matthew 2: 1-12) 	SADLIER: Chapters 1, 14
WEEK 3 GL 2.3 MR 4,12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the Christmas season, we celebrate God’s gift of Jesus to us. We remember the stories of Jesus’ birth. We pray. We give gifts to those we love. We also help the needy, such as the poor, the homeless, and the lonely. 	SADLIER: Chapters 1, 14
WEEK 4	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Advent, Christmas
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 3	St. Francis Xavier
December 6	St. Nicholas
December 7	St. Ambrose
December 9	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (usually 12/8)
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	St. Lucy
December 14	St. John of the Cross
December 25	Christmas
December 26	St. Stephen
December 27	St. John
December 28	Holy Innocents
December 29	The Holy Family

JANUARY

VALUE: Perseverance

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.3 MR 5, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus was always obedient to God His Father, and He expects the same of us. When we are disobedient to God's law, we sin. (Luke 2:39-40) 	SADLIER: Chapter 3
WEEK 2 GL 2:3 MR 5, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is our model of love and goodness. (Mark 6: 53-56, Luke 7: 11-15, John 21: 4-12) 	SADLIER: Chapter 3
WEEK 3 GL 2.4 MR 5, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect Life Week (Jan. 13-17 or Jan. 20-24) There are seven sacraments. The sacraments are signs – words and action – we perceive through our senses. They show us Jesus' love for us. They give us His grace. (Hebrews 7:25) 	RLW: HTTPS://RESPECTLIFEWEEK.COM/NEW-YORK/ SADLIER: Chapter 3
WEEK 4 GL 2.4 MR 5, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Baptism, we are freed from sin, share in God's life, grace, and become members of God's family, the Church. (Matthew 28:19-20) 	SADLIER: Chapter 4

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Christmas, Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time , Advent , Lent , Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
January 1	Mary, Mother of God
January 2	Sts. Basil and Gregory
January 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 5	The Epiphany of the Lord
January 12	The Baptism of the Lord
January 21	St. Agnes
January 24	St. Francis de Sales
January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul
January 27	St. Angela Merici
January 28	St. Thomas Aquinas
January 31	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY

VALUE: Charity/Love

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.4 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penance/Reconciliation is the sacrament by which we receive and celebrate God's forgiveness. In this sacrament, we express sorrow for our sins and are reconciled with God and the Church. (Luke 15: 4-7, John 20: 22-23) 	SADLIER: Chapter 11
WEEK 2 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration which makes it clear that God has given us free will to choose between what is good and what is evil. (Ecclesiasticus 15:14-15) 	SADLIER: Chapter 11
WEEK 3 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration which makes it clear that God gives us the Spirit to empower us to make loving choices of what is good. (John 14:15-17a) 	SADLIER: Chapter 12
WEEK 4 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration which makes it clear that God continues to love us even when we sin. (Luke 7: 36-50, Luke 15: 11-24) • Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting 	SADLIER: Chapter 12

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time, Lent
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
February 2	The Presentation of the Lord
February 3	St. Blaise
February 5	St. Agatha
February 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions
February 8	St. Josephine Bakhita
February 10	St. Scholastica
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February 14	Sts. Cyril and Methodius
February 21	St. Peter Damian
February 22	The Chair of St. Peter
February 26	Ash Wednesday

MARCH

VALUE: Mercy

DEDICATED TO: St. Joseph - VALUE: Prudence		
WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.5 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration which makes it clear that God always calls us to be sorry for our sins and to accept His forgiveness. (1 John 4:10) 	SADLIER: Chapters 11, 12
WEEK 2 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In depth study of the Guardian Angels Practice in Church for First Penance. 	
WEEK 3 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus died for us on the cross (Crucifixion). On Easter Sunday, He rose from the dead (Resurrection). 	SADLIER: Chapters 2, 20, 21, 27
WEEK 4 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus returned to His Father in heaven (Ascension) and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always (Pentecost). 	SADLIER: Chapter 5

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
March 3	St. Katharine Drexel
March 4	St. Casimir
March 7	St. Perpetua and Felicity
March 9	St. Frances of Rome
March 17	St. Patrick
March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 23	St. Turibius de Mongrovejo
March 25	The Annunciation

APRIL

VALUE: Generosity

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2:4, 5 MR 3, 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eucharist: At Mass, we receive the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood as He shared them with the apostles at the Last Supper. (Mark 14: 22-24, John 6:51) The reception of Communion nourishes and strengthens our relationship with Christ which began at Baptism and continues throughout our lives. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) 	SADLIER: Chapters 15, 16
WEEK 2	Easter Recess	
WEEK 3 GL 2:5 MR 3,10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Mass, we gather together as God's family for the Liturgy of the Word. Liturgy of the Word: We listen to God's message to us and put it into practice in our lives. 	SADLIER: Chapters 8, 17
WEEK 4 GL 2:5 MR 3,10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Mass, we gather together as God's family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus (transubstantiation). In the Eucharist, Jesus gives Himself as the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. 	SADLIER: Chapter 18

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent, Easter
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
April 2	St. Francis of Paola
April 4	St. Isidore
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Holy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 11	Holy Saturday
April 12	Easter Sunday
April 19	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 21	St. Anselm
April 23	St. Adalbert
April 24	St. Fidelis
April 25	St. Mark
April 29	St. Catherine of Sienna
April 30	St. Pius V

MAY

VALUE: Kindness

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 MR 4,12	Practice in Church for First Holy Communion.	
WEEK 2 MR 4,12	Practice in Church for First Holy Communion.	
WEEK 3 GL 2.2 MR 4,12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary is the model for all Christians because she was always close to God and said “yes” (“fiat”) to God with faith and trust. (Luke 1: 26-38, 46-55) 	SADLIER: Chapter 25
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 4,12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph is also our model because he trusted God’s ways and treated people justly. 	SADLIER: Chapter 19

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Easter
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
May 1	St. Joseph the Worker
May 2	St. Athanasius
May 12	St. Pancras
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	St. Matthias
May 15	St. Isidore the Farmer
May 21	Ascension of our Lord
May 22	St. Rita of Cascia
May 25	St. Mary Magdalene
May 26	St. Philip Neri
May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
May 29	St. Paul VI
May 31	Pentecost

JUNE

VALUE: Loyalty

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2:3 MR 5,13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote peace in society, in the Church, and in our families God has willed that we should honor our parents and those to whom He has given authority for our good. This will promote peace in society, in the Church, and in our families. 	SADLIER: Chapter 9
WEEK 2 GL 2:3 MR 5,13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote peace in society, in the Church, and in our families, God has willed that we should honor our parents and those to whom He has given authority for our good. This will promote peace in society, in the Church, and in our families. 	SADLIER: Chapter 10

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
June 1	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
June 2	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
June 5	St. Boniface
June 7	The Most Holy Trinity
June 11	St. Barnabas
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua
June 14	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi)
June 19	Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 20	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 22:	Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More
June 24:	The Birthday of St. John the Baptist
June 29:	St. Peter and Paul