

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.

PRAYERS Act of Contrition, Section 2 of the Apostles' Creed, Review Our Father, Hail Mary,

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.
- Respect Life Lessons are taught in all grades during the months of October and January. A direct link to these lessons is provided in the Pacing Guides for the months of October and January.
- 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. (*Both We Believe Catholic Identity Editions and Christ in Us School Editions are listed.)
- 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.



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

<u>Sadlier Religion</u> - Free Supplemental Online Resources

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

<u>Religion.SadlierConnect.com</u> 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

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

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

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

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

<u>Sophia Institute for Teachers</u> - Free Supplemental Online Resources

Supplemental Online Resources

- https://sophiateachers.org/schools/#elesson
 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.
- Sophia Institute for Teachers Subscribe

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- 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: https://sophiateachers.org/video/sketchpad-eucharist/

SEPTEMBER VALUE: Knowledge

WEEK		CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	•	God the Father gives us the gift of Jesus.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lessons 1,4
WEEK 2 <u>GL 2.2</u> MR 1, 6-7	•	We are in awe of God's wonderful gifts of human life and of grace, a sharing in God's own life.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 3 Christ in Us - Lessons 1, 6
WEEK 3 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	•	Jesus is the gift of God. (John 3:16)	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 6 Christ in Us - Lesson 4
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 1, 6-7	•	We celebrate Jesus and learn to follow Him.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 7 Christ in Us - Lesson 3

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR			
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time		
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr		
September 3	Saint Gregory the Great		
September 5	Saint Teresa of Calcutta		
September 9	St. Peter Claver		
September 13	St. John Chrysostom		
September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows		
September 16	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian		
September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang		
September 21	St. Matthew		
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)		
September 27	St. Vincent de Paul		
September 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels		
September 30	St. Jerome		

OCTOBER VALUE: Respect All Life

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	 Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother. (Luke 1:26-38) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us - Lesson 1, 4, 23
WEEK 2 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	 Mary was always filled with a special grace from God. (Luke 1:46-55) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us - Lessons 1, 4, 23
WEEK 3 GL 2.2 MR 2,8-9	Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)	RESPECT LIFE LESSONS: https://archny.org/teachers-and- parents/ Refer to Resources for Teaching in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 4 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	Even before she was born, Mary was free from all sin.	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us - Lessons 1,4, 23

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 9	St. Denis			
October 11	Pope Saint John XXIII			
October 15	St. Teresa of Ávila			
October 18	St. Luke			
October 19	Sts. John of Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues			
October 22	St. John Paul II, Pope			
October 28	Sts. Simon and Jude			

NOVEMBER

VALUE: Cooperation

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.4 MR 3, 10- 11	 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	 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: We Believe - Chapters 2, 19 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 19
WEEK 3 GL 2.4 MR 3, 10- 11	 Jesus is present within each of us when we gather in His name to pray together, in Scripture and in the sacraments. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 24 Christ in Us - Lessons 17, 18, 19, 20
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 3, 10- 11	 Joseph is the foster father of Jesus. Understanding Advent 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 13 Christ in Us - Lesson 22

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR			
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time		
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr		
November 1	All Saints		
November 2	All Souls		
November 4	St. Charles Borromeo		
November 10	St. Leo the Great		
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 24	Feast of Christ the King		
November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle		

DECEMBER VALUE: Joy

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 GL 2.2 MR 4,12	 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: We Believe - Chapters 1, 14 Christ in Us - Lessons 2, 3, 4
Wеек 2 <u>GL 2.3</u> <mark>MR 4,12</mark>	 Jesus came to save all. (Luke 2: 1-20 Jesus is God. His name means "God saves." (Matthew 2: 1-12) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 1, 14 Christ in Us - Lessons 2, 3, 4
WEEK 3 GL 2.3 MR 4,12	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: We Believe - Chapters 1, 14 Christ in Us - Lesson 23
WEEK 4	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR			
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Advent, Christmas		
COLOR KEY: Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), N			
December 1	First Sunday of Advent		
December 6	St. Nicholas		
December 7	St. Ambrose		
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent		
December 9	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (not a Holyday of Obligation)		
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
December 13	St. Lucy		
December 14	St. John of the Cross		
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent		
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
December 25	Christmas		
December 26	St. Stephen		
December 27	St. John		
December 28	Holy Innocents		

December 29 The Holy Family

JANUARY VALUE: Unity

WEEK		CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.3 MR 5, 13	•	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: We Believe - Chapter 3 Christ in Us - Lessons 2, 9
WEEK 2 GL 2:3 MR 5, 13	•	Jesus is our model of love and goodness. (Mark 6: 53-56, Luke 7: 11-15, John 21: 4-12)	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 3 1 Christ in Us – Lessons 3, 11, 12
WEEK 3 GL 2.4 MR 5, 13	•	Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)	RESPECT LIFE LESSONS: https://archny.org/teachers-and- parents/ Refer to Resources for Teaching in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 4 GL 2.4 MR 5, 13	•	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) 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: We Believe - Chapters 3, 4 Christ in Us - Lessons 6, 8

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR				
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Christmas, Ordinary Time			
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr			
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God			
January 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton			
January 5	The Epiphany of the Lord			
January 6	St. Andre Bessette			
January 7	The Epiphany of the Lord			
January 12	The Baptism of the Lord			
January 17	St. Anthony, Abbot			
January 21	St. Agnes			
January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children			
January 24	St. Francis de Sales			
January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle			

January 28	St. Thomas Aquinas
January 31	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY VALUE: Love

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 <u>GL 2.4</u> MR 1, 6-7	 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: We Believe - Chapter 11 Christ in Us - Lessons 8, 9, 14
WEEK 2 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	 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: We Believe - Chapter 18 Christ in Us - Lessons 8, 9, 14
WEEK 3 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	 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: We Believe - Chapter 12 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 9, 10, 15
WEEK 4 GL 2.5 MR 1, 6-7	 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: We Believe - Chapter 12 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 9, 10, 15

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time	
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	Saint Paul Miki and Companions	
February 8	St. Josephine Bakhita	
February 10	St. Scholastica	
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes	
February 14	Saints Cyril and Methodius	
February 21	St. Peter Damian	
February 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	

March Value: Holiness

WEEK		CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2.5 MR 2,8-9	•	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: We Believe - Chapters 11, 12 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 9, 10, 15
WEEK 2 MR 2,8-9	•	In depth study of the Guardian Angels Practice in Church for First Penance.	
WEEK 3 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	•	Jesus died for us on the cross (Crucifixion). On Easter Sunday, He rose from the dead (Resurrection).	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 2, 20, 21, 27 Christ in Us - Lessons 3, 4, 25
WEEK 4 GL 2.3 MR 2,8-9	•	Jesus returned to His Father in heaven (Ascension) and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always (Pentecost).	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 5 Christ in Us - Lesson 5, 27

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
March 3	Saint Katharine Drexel	
March 4	St. Casimir	
March 5	Ash Wednesday	
March 7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity	
March 8	St. John of God	
March 9	First Sunday of Lent	
March 16	Second Sunday of Lent	
March 17	St. Patrick	
March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	
March 19	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
March 23	Third Sunday of Lent	
March 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent	

APRIL VALUE: Obedience

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 2:4, 5 MR 3, 10-11	 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: We Believe - Chapters 15, 16 Christ in Us - Lessons 7, 8, 18
WEEK 2 GL 2:5 MR 3,10-11	 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: We Believe - Chapters 8, 17 Christ in Us - Lessons 7, 8, 16, 17
WEEK 3	Easter Recess	
WEEK 4 GL 2:5 MR 3,10-11	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: We Believe - Chapter 18 Christ in Us – Lessons 7, 8

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	St. Vincent Ferrer	
April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
April 11	St. Stanislaus	
April 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
April 17	Holy Thursday	
April 18	Good Friday	
April 19	Holy Saturday	
April 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
April 27	Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy	
April 29	St. Catherine of Siena	

MAY VALUE: Mercy

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	 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: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us - Lessons 1,4
WEEK 4 GL 2.2 MR 4,12	 Joseph is also our model because he trusted God's ways and treated people justly. 	SADLIER: We Believe - 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 3	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	
May 4	Third Sunday of Easter	
May 10	St. Damien de Veuter of Molokai	
May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima	
May 14	St. Matthias	
May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
May 22	St. Rita of Cascia	
May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
May 26	Saint Philip Neri	
May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury	

May 29	The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)
May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JUNE VALUE: Loyalty

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
Wеек 1 <u>GL 2:3</u> MR 5,13	 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: We Believe - Chapter 9 Christ in Us - Lessons 13, 15
WEEK 2 GL 2:3 MR 5,13	 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: We Believe - Chapter 10 Christ in Us - Lessons 13, 15

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Easter / Ordinary Time	
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	
June 5	Saint Boniface	
June 8	Pentecost Sunday	
June 9	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
June 11	St. Barnabas	
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua	
June 21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	
June 22	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / Corpus Christi	
June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
June 27	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
June 28	St. Irenaeus	
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul	