



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

Faith-Based.Future-Focused.

GRADE 4

THEME As God’s people, we are called to live as Jesus did, choosing a life of love, characterized by obedience to God and service to others.

OBJECTIVE To help the children form their consciences according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to learn the basis of Christian morality taught in the Old and New Testaments

PRAYERS Sanctus, Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, Review Apostles’ Creed

SAINTS

SEMESTER 1 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

SEMESTER 2 St. Isaac Jogues

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.



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

Review in Grades 4-5

1. And with your Spirit
2. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
3. Penitential Rite: I confess to Almighty God
4. Glory to God in the highest
5. Alleluia
6. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ
7. Lord hear our prayer
8. 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
9. Holy, Holy, Holy
10. We proclaim Your death O Lord
11. The Lord's Prayer: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours
now and forever
12. Sign of Peace

13. Lamb of God
14. Lord I am not worthy
15. 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

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

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

SEPTEMBER

VALUE: Knowledge

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 4.2 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is all good. Holiness 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 1,2 Christ in Us – Lessons 1, 2,
WEEK 2 GL 4.2, 3 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Human Person (Gen. 1:27; 2:4b - 25): Ability to think, choose freely, and love 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 3 Christ in Us – Lessons 3, 11 SOPHIA: Unit 1: Lessons 1-2, 5
WEEK 3 GL 4.2, 3 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conscience Formation (Deut. 30:16) Steps for making a good moral choice 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 4 Christ in Us – Lesson 12 SOPHIA: Unit 2: Lessons 1-3
WEEK 4 GL 4.3 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sources for Conscience Formation: Scripture, Church teaching, example of good people (witnesses) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 4,8-11,15-19, 22-23 Christ in Us – Lesson 4, 12 Lives of the Saints (Sadlier website) SOPHIA: Unit 2: Lessons 4-7

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 5	St. Teresa of Calcutta
September 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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 4.3 MR 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temptation Sin 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 1, 3 Christ in Us – Lesson 9, 14, 15 SOPHIA: Unit 3: Lessons 1-4
WEEK 2 GL 4.2 MR 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination of Conscience Habits and attitudes of prayer 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 4, 5 pages 325-330 Christ in Us – Lessons 9, 11, 12 SOPHIA: Unit 2: Lesson 8
WEEK 3 GL 4.2 MR 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 4.2 MR 3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach the Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), which we pray and sing at Mass to give praise to God. Teach the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 12 (liturgy) page 326 Christ in Us – page 284 GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS: page 7 SOPHIA: Unit 1: Lessons 3-4

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 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 4.3 MR 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints In depth study of St. Kateri Tekawitha and the patron saint of the school. Special activities based on saints 	SADLIER: Lives of the Saints (Sadlier website) SOPHIA: GRADE 4/Saint Cards p.29
WEEK 2 GL 4.3 MR 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtue and Holiness Virtue is a habitual disposition to good. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 17, 26 Christ in Us – Lesson 12, 19 SOPHIA: Unit 3: Lesson 7
WEEK 3 GL 4.4 MR 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covenant Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3) Covenant Promise (Exodus 19:3-6) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 8 Christ in Us – Lesson 1 SOPHIA: Unit 3: Lesson 6 Unit 4: Lesson 1
WEEK 4 GL 4.4 MR 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Season of Advent Advent Wreath, Jesse Tree 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 13 Christ in Us – Lesson 22 SOPHIA: See Sophia Institute free online supplemental resources.

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
WEEK 1 GL 4.4 MR 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the Christmas Season within a Catholic context 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 13, 14 Christ in Us – Lesson 23 SOPHIA: See Sophia Institute free online supplemental resources.
WEEK 2 GL 4.4 MR 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to find Happiness: Two Great Commandments (MEMORIZE) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 8 Christ in Us – Lesson 13, page 287 SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lessons 6-7, 11
WEEK 3 GL 4.4 MR 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freedom: True freedom comes from following Jesus' law of love. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 8, 24 Christ in Us – Lesson 13, 14 SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lesson 2
WEEK 4	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Advent, Christmas
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
December 3	First Sunday in 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 in Advent
December 22	Fourth Sunday in 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	Review/Re-teach lessons from the First Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Commandments 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 17-19, 22-23 Christ in Us – Lesson 13, page 287 SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lessons 3-5
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column) 	RESPECT LIFE WEEK: https://archny.org/teachers-and-parents/ Refer to Resources for Teaching in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Commandments (Memorize 1-5) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 9,10,11,15,16 Christ in Us – Lesson 13, page 287 SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lessons 3-5

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 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
WEEK 1 GL 4.4 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Commandments (Memorize 6-10) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 17-19, 22-23 Christ in Us – Lesson 13, page 287 SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lessons 3-5
WEEK 2 GL 4.4 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus made a New Covenant with his people New Commandment (Jn. 15:12) Freedom: Following Jesus' law of love 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 8 Christ in Us – Lessons 10, page 287, SOPHIA: Unit 4: Lesson 7-9
WEEK 3 GL 4.5 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Judgment (Mt. 25: 31-46) 	Bible
WEEK 4 GL 4.5 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (Memorize) Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 11, 20, 21, 27 Christ in Us – Lesson 24 GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS: page 5 SOPHIA: Unit 5: Lessons 1-5

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 4.5 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 20, 21, 27 Christ in Us – Lesson 24 SOPHIA: See Sophia Institute free online supplemental resources.
WEEK 2 GL 4.5 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (continued) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 11 GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS: page 5 SOPHIA: Unit 5: Lessons 1-5
WEEK 3 GL 4.5 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 11 GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS: page 5 SOPHIA: Unit 5: Lessons 6-8
WEEK 4 GL 4.3 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act of Faith 	SADLIER: We Believe - p. 326 Christ in Us – p. 277

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent/ (Triduum) Easter
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 4.6 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Spirit 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 19, 24-26 Christ in Us – Lesson 5, 15, 17 SOPHIA: Unit 7: Lesson 2
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sermon on the Mount - The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 2 Christ in Us – Lesson 12 SOPHIA: Unit 6: Lessons 1-5
WEEK 3 GL 4.5 MR 13-15	Easter Recess	
WEEK 4 GL 4.5 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sermon on the Mount (continued) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 2 Christ in Us – Lesson 12 SOPHIA: Unit 6: Lessons 6-9
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 29	St. Catherine of Siena

MAY

VALUE: Mercy

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 4.6 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Catholic Church: All Saints, All Souls, and The Communion of Saints 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us – Lesson 5, 6, 7 SOPHIA: Unit 7: Lesson 1, 4-6
WEEK 2 GL 4.4,5 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In depth study of St. Isaac Jogues 	SADLIER: Lives of the Saints (Sadlier website)
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharist (Renewal of God's covenant) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 12 Christ in Us – Lesson 8
WEEK 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REVIEW 	

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 12	Saint Pancras
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	St. Matthias
May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19	Pentecost Sunday
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: Reflection

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1	ADNY End Year Religion Assessment Testing Window	
WEEK 2	ADNY End Year Religion Assessment Testing Window	

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 9	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
June 11	St. Barnabas
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua
June 15	The Most Holy Trinity
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	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 28	St. Irenaeus
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles