



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

Faith-Based.Future-Focused.

GRADE 3

THEME Jesus continues his life and work through His Church.

OBJECTIVE To deepen the child's understanding of the Church and to help the child experience the Church as a Christian Community

ROSARY Joyful Mysteries

PRAYERS Section 3 of Apostles Creed (found on page 6 in Guidelines), Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

SAINTS

SEMESTER 1 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

SEMESTER 2 St. Juan Diego

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 textbooks appear inconsecutively and multiple times.
- As of September 2024, online assessments are administered three times each year: beginning of the year, mid-year, and end of year. The end of year assessment is the final exam for grades 3 – 8. Online assessments are administered via Clever/Connect.
- 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 3

1. Penitential Rite: I confess to Almighty God
2. Glory to God in the highest

Review in Grade 3

3. And with your Spirit
4. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
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

[Religion.SadlierConnect.com](https://www.sadlier.com/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](https://www.sadlier.com/religion/we-believe) Weekly blog featuring prayers and resources to supplement *We Believe*

[Sadlier.com/religion/resources](https://www.sadlier.com/religion/resources) Sadlier’s Religion Publications Center featuring downloadable lessons, prayer cards, and more

[Sadlier.com/religion/](https://www.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

- **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](https://www.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: Hope

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.2 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trinity: Model of our love for one another Jesus is the one who reveals the Father and the Holy Spirit. (John 14:9-10, 26) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lessons 1,2
WEEK 2 GL 3.2 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trinity: Model of our love for one another Need to use God's name with reverence 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 1 Christ in Us - Lessons 1, 2
WEEK 3 GL 3.2 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Son of God Gathered as a community of followers: Disciples Teaching about the Kingdom of God 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 3 Christ in Us - Lessons 2, 5, 12
WEEK 4 GL 3.2 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The imitation of Jesus makes God's Kingdom visible in the world. Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:44-46) Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 1, 2 Christ in Us – Lesson 12

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 17	St. Robert Bellarmine
September 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
September 26	Sts. Cosmas and Damian
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 3.2 MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-17) Multiplication of Loaves (Mark 6:34-44) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 26
WEEK 2 GL 3.3 MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lord's Prayer - "Thy Kingdom Come" Jesus shared joys and sorrows. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 10 Christ in Us - Lesson 20
WEEK 3 GL 3.3 MR 1-4	<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 3.3 MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love is a sign of the Christian Community. (John 15:12) Jesus healed sicknesses. Jesus was sent by the Father to show us how to love God, ourselves, and others. (John 3:16) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 11, 15, 19 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 9, 10, 15

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 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
October 18	St. Luke
October 22	St. John Paul II, Pope

October 28	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
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NOVEMBER

VALUE: Charity

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.3 MR 1-2, 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints In depth study of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the patron saint of the school. Special activities based on saints 	SEE SADLIER RESOURCES
WEEK 2 GL 3.3 MR 1-2, 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followers of Jesus belong to His Church. Followers of Jesus are called to love everyone without exception - friends and enemies. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 4, 5, 22 Christ in Us – Lessons 5, 8
WEEK 3 GL 3.3 MR 1-2, 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for reputation of others Care for the property and possessions of others Care for the earth: Stewardship 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 23, 25 Christ in Us – Lessons 11, 12, 13
WEEK 4 GL 3.4 MR 1-2, 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for ourselves: our body Developing our gifts and talents Respect for parents, guardians, and family members Understanding Advent 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 13, 14, 22, 23 Christ in Us – Lessons 11, 13, 22

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time/Advent
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), Martyr
November 1	All Saints
November 2	All Souls
November 3	St. Martin de Porres
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 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 22	St. Cecilia
November 23	Feast of Christ the King

November 24	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
November 30	First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

VALUE: Faith

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.6 MR 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Great Commandments (Luke 10:25-28) Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) Love of Enemies (Matthew 5:43-46) Understanding the Christmas Season within a Catholic context 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 3, 16-18 Christ in Us - Lesson 13 Pages 239-244
WEEK 2 GL 3.3 MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church: Community filled with the Holy Spirit who share the same faith and sacraments under the leadership of the Pope and bishops. We experience the Church most immediately in our local parish. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 8, 24 Christ in Us - Lesson 5
WEEK 3 GL 3.3 MR 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership and Service in the Church: Apostles, with Peter as leader, were chosen to continue Jesus' mission and service. (Luke 6:12-16; Matthew 16:18-20) Importance of praying for our leaders (Prayers of the Faithful); at every Mass we pray for Pope Leo XIV and Cardinal Timothy Dolan by name. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 8, 11, 12 Christ in Us - Lessons 5, 8
WEEK 4	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Advent, Christmas
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
December 3	St. Francis Xavier
December 6	St. Nicholas
December 7	Second Sunday of Advent
December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Holyday of Obligation)
December 9	St. Juan Diego
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	St. Lucy
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent
December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25	Christmas
December 26	St. Stephen
December 27	St. John
December 28	The Holy Family

JANUARY

VALUE: Justice

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sign of Peace as an expression of love. The importance of thanksgiving for God's many blessings 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 16-18 Christ in Us - Lesson 7
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Commandments: The standard for love Sin: Refusing to love God, ourselves, and our neighbors (1 John 4:20-21) When we sin, we need to be sorry, ask for forgiveness, and pray the Act of Contrition. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 18, 23 Christ in Us - Lessons 9, 13
WEEK 3	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism: God gives us His life. (Acts 2:38) Original sin is taken away. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 15 Christ in Us – Lesson 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 2	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
January 4	The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5	Sr. John Neumann
January 6	St. Andre Bessette
January 11	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 26	Sts. Timothy and Titus
January 28	St. Thomas Aquinas
January 31	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY

VALUE: Prudence

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1: GL 3.4 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal sin is removed in someone who is beyond the age of reason. Symbolic use of water in the rite of Baptism 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 15 Christ in Us - Lessons 8, 14
WEEK 2 GL 3.5 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation: Full outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit Confirmation enables us to be like Jesus. (Ephesians 3:16) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 15 Christ in Us – Lesson 8
WEEK 3 GL 3.5 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Jesus (1 Cor 11: 23-25) Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood making us one with Him and with one another. Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist Obligatory worship on Sundays and Holy Days 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 15, 16 Christ in Us - Lessons 6, 7, 8
WEEK 4 GL 3.5 MR 9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacraments of Healing: Penance/Reconciliation: Forgiveness of personal sin (Luke 15:11-32) Prodigal Son/Forgiving Father: Renews and restores our relationship with God and the Church Rite of Penance/Reconciliation Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 15, 18 Christ in Us – Lesson 9, 24

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	Saint Paul Miki and Companions

February 10	St. Scholastica
February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February 14	Saints Cyril and Methodius
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 21	St. Peter Damian
February 22	First Sunday of Lent

MARCH

VALUE: Temperance

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.3 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 - Lessons 16,18, 19, 20, 24 Sophia: See free online supplemental resources. (page 4)
WEEK 2 GL 3.5 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anointing of the Sick: Comfort, strength, peace to the sick, elderly and dying (Matthew 15:29-30) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 15 Christ in Us - Lesson 9
WEEK 3 GL 3.6 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary (John 19:26-27) Mother of God and Mother of the Church Model of how Jesus wants us to live 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 25 Christ in Us - Lesson 4
WEEK 4 GL 3.6 MR 11-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of the Assumption: Mary raised body and soul to heaven (August 15) Belief in the resurrection of the body Dignity of the human body 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 21, 25, 27 Christ in Us - Lesson 11, 13

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
March 1	Second Sunday of Lent
March 3	St. Katherine Drexel
March 4	St. Casimir
March 7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
March 8	Third Sunday of Lent
March 9	St. Frances of Rome

March 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 17	St. Patrick
March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
March 29	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

APRIL

VALUE: Fortitude

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.6 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last section of the Apostles' Creed Pope and Bishops teach, sanctify, and govern in imitation of Jesus. (Matthew 28: 16-20) 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapters 8, 9 Christ in Us - Lesson 5
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should know the feast day of their school/parish and the name of their pastor In depth study of St. Juan Diego 	
WEEK 3 GL 3.6 MR 13-15	Easter Recess	
WEEK 4 GL 3.6 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ascension: (Mark 16:19-20) 40 days after Easter, Jesus returned to God the Father. We will one day be united in heaven with Jesus and the Father. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 4

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Lent / Easter
COLOR KEY:	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
April 2	Holy Thursday
April 3	Good Friday
April 4	Holy Saturday
April 5	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 12	Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 29	St. Catherine of Siena

MAY

VALUE: Humility

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL 3.4 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) 50 days after Easter: The birth of the Church 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 4 Christ in Us - Lesson 27
WEEK 2 GL 3.4 MR 13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Spirit is sent to us so we can continue Jesus' work. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 4 Christ in Us - Lessons 6, 8, 17
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grace of the Holy Spirit empowers us to be faithful followers and ministers. 	SADLIER: We Believe - Chapter 4 Christ in Us - Lessons 6, 8, 14
WEEK 4	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 12	St. Pancras
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	Ascension Thursday (Holyday of Obligation)
May 22	St. Rita of Cascia
May 24	Pentecost
May 25	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
May 26	Saint Philip Neri
May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
May 31	The Most Holy Trinity

JUNE

VALUE: Reflection

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
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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 1	St. Justin, Martyr	
June 3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	
June 5	Saint Boniface	
June 7	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	
June 11	St. Barnabas	
June 12	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
June 13	St. Anthony of Padua	
June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	