



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

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## 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.
- 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**

### 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

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

#### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Ordinary Time
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.3</b> <b>MR 3-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temptation</li> <li>• Sin</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 1, 3 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 9, 14, 15
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>GL 4.2</b> <b>MR 3-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of Conscience</li> <li>• Habits and attitudes of prayer</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 4, 5 pages 325-330 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lessons 9, 11, 12
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>GL 4.2</b> <b>MR 3-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)</li> </ul>	<b>RESPECT LIFE LESSONS:</b> <a href="https://archny.org/teachers-and-parents/">https://archny.org/teachers-and-parents/</a>  Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>GL 4.2</b> <b>MR 3-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach the Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), which we pray and sing at Mass to give praise to God.</li> <li>• Teach the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 12 (liturgy) page 326 <b>Christ in Us</b> – page 284 <b>GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS:</b> page 7

#### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Ordinary Time
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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	St. John XXIII, Pope
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	<b>Sts. Simon and Jude</b>

## NOVEMBER

### VALUE: Charity

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

#### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Ordinary Time/Advent
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter and Christmas), <b>Martyr</b>
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	<b>St. Josaphat</b>
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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.4</b> <b>MR 7-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the Christmas Season within a Catholic context</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 13, 14 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 23 <b>SOPHIA:</b> See Sophia Institute free online supplemental resources.
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>GL 4.4</b> <b>MR 7-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to find Happiness: Two Great Commandments (MEMORIZE)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 8 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 13, page 287
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>GL 4.4</b> <b>MR 7-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freedom: True freedom comes from following Jesus' law of love.</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 8, 24 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 13, 14
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Christmas Recess	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Advent, Christmas
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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 in Advent
December 21	Fourth Sunday in 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	Review/Re-teach lessons from the First Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Commandments</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 17-19, 22-23 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 13, page 287
WEEK 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect Life Lessons (see link in next column)</li> </ul>	<b>RESPECT LIFE WEEK:</b> <a href="https://archny.org/teachers-and-parents/">https://archny.org/teachers-and-parents/</a>  Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Commandments (Memorize 1-5)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 9,10,11,15,16 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 13, page 287

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Christmas, Ordinary Time
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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	St. 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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.4</b> <b>MR 9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Commandments (Memorize 6-10)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 17-19, 22-23 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 13, page 287
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>GL 4.4</b> <b>MR 9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus made a New Covenant with his people</li> <li>New Commandment (Jn. 15:12)</li> <li>Freedom: Following Jesus' law of love</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 8 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lessons 10, page 287,
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Judgment (Mt. 25: 31-46)</li> </ul>	<b>Bible</b>
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 9-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (Memorize)</li> <li>Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 11, 20, 21, 27 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 24 <b>GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS:</b> page 5
THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Ordinary Time/Lent	
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 11-12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 20, 21, 27 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 24 <b>SOPHIA:</b> See Sophia Institute free online supplemental resources.
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 11-12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (continued)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 11 <b>GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS:</b> page 5
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 11-12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 11 <b>GUIDELINES FOR CATECHESIS:</b> page 5
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>GL 4.3</b> <b>MR 11-12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Act of Faith</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - p. 326 <b>Christ in Us</b> – p. 277
THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Lent	
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
March 1	Second Sunday of Lent	
March 3	St. Katharine 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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.6</b> <b>MR 13-15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapters 19, 24-26 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 5, 15, 17
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sermon on the Mount - The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 2 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 12
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 13-15</b>	Easter Recess	
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>GL 4.5</b> <b>MR 13-15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sermon on the Mount (continued)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 2 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 12
THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Easter	
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	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
<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>GL 4.6</b> <b>MR 13-15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Holy Catholic Church: All Saints, All Souls, and The Communion of Saints</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 25 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 5, 6, 7
<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>GL 4.4,5</b> <b>MR 13-15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In depth study of St. Isaac Jogues</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>Lives of the Saints</b> (Sadlier website)
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Eucharist (Renewal of God's covenant)</li> </ul>	<b>SADLIER:</b> <b>We Believe</b> - Chapter 12 <b>Christ in Us</b> – Lesson 8
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>REVIEW</b></li> </ul>	

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Easter
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr
MAY 1	St. Joseph the Worker
May 2	St. Athanasius
May 12	Saint Pancras
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	Ascension Thursday (Holyday of Obligation)
May 22	St. Rita of Cascia
May 24	Pentecost Sunday
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
<b>WEEK 1</b>	ADNY End Year Religion Assessment Testing Window	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	ADNY End Year Religion Assessment Testing Window	
THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR		
<b>LITURGICAL SEASON:</b>	Ordinary Time	
<b>COLOR KEY:</b>	Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Feast (including Easter & Christmas), Martyr	
JUNE 1	Saint 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	