



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

Faith-Based.Future-Focused.

GRADE K

THEME Jesus, the Christ, is the starting point.

OBJECTIVE Jesus, seen through the stories and parables of the New Testament, provides the closest link between the child and the whole mystery of God and salvation.

PRAYER Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary

SAINTS

SEMESTER 1 St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Family

SEMESTER 2 St. Patrick

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.
- 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**

Simple Responses: Introduced in Kindergarten

1. And with your Spirit
2. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
3. Alleluia
4. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ
5. Lord hear our prayer
6. 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
7. Sign of Peace
8. Dismissal – Thanks be to God

Available Resources

Sadlier Religion - Free Supplemental Online Resources

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

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

[Sadlier.com/religion/](https://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
- **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 MR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parable of the Good Shepherd (Matthew 18: 12-14, Luke 15: 3-7) God made all things. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 1, 11 Christ in Us – Lessons 1, 2, 3, 15
WEEK 2 GL MR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18: 12-14, Luke 15: 3-7) God gives us light. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 2, 11 Christ in Us – Lessons 3, 15
WEEK 3 GL MR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Psalm of the Good Shepherd (Psalm 23) God gives us water. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 3, 11 Christ in Us – Lessons 2, 4, 8 TEACHER'S EDITION – PAGE 138
WEEK 4 GL MR 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharistic presence of the Good Shepherd God gives us land. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 4, 11 Christ in Us – Lessons 2,8

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		
WEEK 1 GL MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parables of the Kingdom: The Mustard Seed (Mark 4: 30-34, Luke 13: 18-19, Matthew 13: 31-32) God made the animals. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 5 Christ in Us – Lesson 2
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parables of the Kingdom: The Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13: 45-46) God made all people. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 8 Christ in Us – Lesson 19
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-2	<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 MR 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) The Visitation (Luke 1: 39-56) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 15 Christ in Us – Lesson 4 Teacher's Edition- Page 196

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

NOVEMBER

VALUE: Charity

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL MR 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of All Saints Study of the Holy Family and St. Francis of Assisi Special activities based on saints 	SEE SADLIER RESOURCES
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Advent Advent prophecies: The "Light" and the "Child" (Isaiah 9: 1-5) Advent prophecies: The "Virgin" and "Bethlehem" (Isaiah 7: 14, Micah 5: 1-2) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 13 Christ in Us – Lesson 22
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent prophecies: The "Virgin" and "Bethlehem" (Isaiah 7: 14, Micah 5: 1-2) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 13 Christ in Us – Lessons 22,23
WEEK 4 GL MR 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent prophecies: The "Star" 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 13 Christ in Us – Lesson 22,23

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	Saint 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 MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The birth of Jesus and adoration of the shepherds (Luke 2: 1-20) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 14 Christ in Us – Lesson 23
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The birth of Jesus and adoration of the shepherds (Luke 2: 1-20) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 14 Christ in Us – Lesson 23 TEACHER'S EDITION- PAGE 202
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The birth of Jesus and adoration of the Magi (Matthew 2: 1-12) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 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), 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: GL MR 1-5	Review/Re-teach lessons from the First Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-5	Review/Re-teach lessons from the First Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-5	<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 <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)

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	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
WEEK 1 GL MR 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places within Jerusalem (continued) We learn about God with our friends. (continued) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 12, 17 See Sadlier Resources
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharist (“sacrament of the gift”) : Preparation of the cruets, mingling of water and wine, washing of the priest’s hands 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 24 Christ in Us – Pages 240-246
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharist (“sacrament of the gift”): The gesture of the Spirit, the offering, and the sign of peace 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 24 Christ in Us – Pages 243-246
WEEK 4 GL MR 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events in the life of Jesus Lent - Season of Renewal: Prayer, Penance and Fasting 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 20 Christ in Us – Lesson 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 MR 1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events in the life of Jesus 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 20 Christ in Us – Lessons 22, 23, 26 Teacher's Edition – Page 74
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events in the life of Jesus 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 20, 21 Christ in Us – Lessons 22, 23, 26
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of St. Patrick and the patron saint of the school 	WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG/SAINTS
WEEK 4 GL MR 1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Supper (Matthew 26: 17-30, Mark 14: 12-26, Luke 22: 7-20) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 21, 24 Christ in Us – Lesson 25 Teacher's Edition - Page 214

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	Saint 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
WEEK 1 GL MR 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resurrection (Matthew 28: 1-10, Mark 16: 1-18) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 27 Christ in Us – Lessons 25, 26
WEEK 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resurrection (Luke 24: 1-12, John 20: 1-18) 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 27 Christ in Us – Lessons 25, 26
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-8	Easter Recess	
WEEK 4 GL MR 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parables of the Kingdom: The Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13: 44-46) Jesus teaches and helps us. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 18 See the Gospels in the Bible for Parables

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	Saint Catherine of Siena

MAY

VALUE: Humility

WEEK	CONTENT	RESOURCES FOR TEACHING
WEEK 1 GL MR 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parables of the Kingdom: The Yeast/Leaven (Matthew 13: 33, Luke 13: 20-21) Jesus wants us to love. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapter 19 SEE THE GOSPELS IN THE BIBLE FOR PARABLES
WEEK 2 GL MR -8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism: Light (Matthew 3: 13-17) Baptism: Word (Matthew 3: 13-17) We pray as Jesus did. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 22, 23 Christ in Us – Lesson 8
WEEK 3 GL MR 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism: Water (Matthew 3: 13-17) We care about others as Jesus did. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 22, 25 Christ in Us – Lesson 8
WEEK 4 GL MR 1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism: Oil We care about others as Jesus did. Baptism: White Garment We celebrate that Jesus is our friend. 	SADLIER: We Believe – Chapters 22, 25, 26 Christ in Us – Lesson 8

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	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
WEEK 1: GL MR 1-8	Review/Re-teach lessons from the Second Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)
WEEK 2 GL MR 1-8	Review/Re-teach lessons from the Second Semester as needed (based on teacher discretion)	Refer to <i>Resources for Teaching</i> in this Pacing Guide (page 4)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
LITURGICAL SEASON:	Ordinary Time
COLOR KEY:	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