

CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

YEAR 1 - The Old Testament, the Trinity, and the Mission of Christ; The New Testament, the Church

Year 2 the Sacraments: Morality and Prayer

Classes Meet at Centerville Elementary 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Date <i>(Catechist Edition)</i>	Material Covered <i>(Student Book)</i>	Concepts
September 27 Parish Community Center (PCC)	Faith Formation Opening Mass <i>Followed by meet and greet Catechists book pick up and ice cream social</i>	
October 4 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 1 Revelation, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition	Revelation, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition Chapter 1 (pg 16 - 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand how God reveals himself to us through • Sacred Scriptures and Sacred Tradition • Gain familiarity with sections of the Bible
October 11 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 2 The Bible: God's Plan for Salvation	The Bible: God's Plan For Salvation Chapter 2 (24 - 35)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will explore the ways God has guided humanity through a number of events in salvation history • Students will examine the Bible to see examples of people chosen by God to do His will. • Students will reflect on how they participate in salvation history
October 18	NO CLASS	MEA
October 25 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 3 God the Father Chapter 4 The Holy Trinity	God the Father Chapter 3 (36-43) The Holy Trinity Chapter 4 (44-51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will examine how God has revealed himself to us, especially in the image of Father • The students will reflect on ways to nurture their relationship with God, family and friends • Students will identify the Trinity as 3 Divine Persons in one God - Father, son and Holy Spirit • Students will explore ways that humans reflect the unity, harmony and love that exists in the Trinity.
November 1	All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown
November 8 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 5 The Bible: the Old Testament	The Bible: the Old Testament Chapter 5 (52-67)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will examine the four sections of the Old Testament and some important people and events found in them. • The students will explore how understanding the Chosen People's relationship with God help us to understand our own faith better

<p>November 15 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i></p> <p><i>Chapter 6</i> Creation <i>Chapter 7</i> The Human Person</p>	<p>Creation Chapter 6 (68-77)</p> <p>The Human Person Chapter 7 (78-87)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring God's creativity at work in the World • Students will recognize their unique place in God's plan and creation • Students will examine the choice of human beings to either follow or to disobey God's plan for creation • Students will explore what it means to be made in the image of God • Students will examine how Original Sin Affects every human being • The students will express how we can live as the Body of Christ
<p>November 22</p>	<p>NO CLASS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ THANKSGIVING BREAK
<p>November 29</p>	<p>Created in the Image of God</p>	<p>Protecting Youth and Children Initiative</p>
<p>December 6</p> <p><i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i></p> <p><i>Chapter 8</i> The Bible: Covenants <i>Chapter 9</i> Faith: Responding to God</p>	<p>The Bible: Covenants Chapter 8 (88-97)</p> <p>Faith: Responding to God Chapter 9 (98-107)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will examine the covenants God made with human beings • Discover how God's covenant with His people is fulfilled in Jesus Christ • Students will reflect on how they can fulfill God's law now • Students will examine faith as a gift from God which we can choose to accept • Exploration of key elements of faith - believing, trusting, and doing • Reflection on the happiness and security only God can provide
<p>December 8 Thursday</p>	<p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church. • In 1854 Pius IX gave the infallible statement: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." • This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.
<p>December 13 St. Genevieve Church</p>	<p>Reconciliation Grade 6</p>	<p>Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Stories of forgiveness and God's merciful love.</p>
<p>December 20</p>	<p>No Class (Christmas Break)</p>	

December 25	Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World
December 27	No Class (Christmas Break)	
January 1	<p style="text-align: center;">New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace (David Bennett 8/15/2008 . Church Year. Net) • one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974
January 3	No Class (Catechist Appreciation)	
January 10 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 10 The Bible: Prophets	The Bible: Prophets Chapter 10 (108-119)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the role of the prophets in God's plan for salvation • Examination of how the message of the prophets was fulfilled in Jesus Christ • Reflection on each individuals call to spread God's message
January 17 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 11 Jesus Christ, True God and True Man Chapter 12 The Birth of Jesus	Jesus Christ, True God and True Man Chapter 11(120-129) The Birth of Jesus Chapter 12 (130-137)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of the question "Who are you/" in relation to one another and Jesus • Learn that Jesus is fully God and fully Man • Examine ways in which we learn about who Jesus is , particularly in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition • Reflect on experience and understanding of the celebration of Christmas • Examine Jesus' birth and how it brings hope • Exploration of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation
January 24 <i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i> Chapter 13 Jesus Teaches Chapter 14 Jesus Heals	Jesus Teaches Chapter 13 (138-149) Jesus Heals Chapter 14 (150-161)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of Jesus' private and public life and how each teaches us to live us member of God's kingdom • Exploration of Jesus' parables and their lessons • Reflections on the accounts of Jesus' spiritual and physical healing • Students will reflect on ways to bring Christ's healing to others

<p>January 31</p> <p><i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i></p> <p>Chapter 15 The Death of Jesus</p> <p>Chapter 16 The Resurrection of Jesus</p>	<p>The Death of Jesus Chapter 15 (162-171)</p> <p>The Resurrection of Jesus Chapter 16 (172 -181)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of the Events of Christ's Passion and Death • Understand that through his suffering and death, Jesus frees us from sin • Reflect on the theme of sacrifice in our lives • Exploration of the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection • Examination of the ways the Resurrection is a source hope • Reflect on the Jesus' Ascension and our witness hope • Reflect on the Jesus' Ascension and our witness
<p>February 7</p> <p><i>The Old Testament, Trinity and the Mission of Christ</i></p> <p>Chapter 17 The Holy Spirit</p> <p>Chapter 18 Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit Chapter 17 (182-191)</p> <p>Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Chapter 18 (192-201)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of the meaning of the Holy Spirit as the Breath of God • Students will name the ways they see the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world • Exploration of the gift of God's grace • Exploration of the responsibilities of being Christian and how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us
<p>February 14</p>	<p>NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. • Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. • "Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.
<p>February 21</p> <p><i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i></p> <p>Chapter 19 The Bible: the Gospels</p>	<p>The Bible: the Gospels Chapter 19 (202-211)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine how the four Gospels are different in emphasis because of the different perspective of their authors • Recognition that in Scripture , especially the Gospels, we get to know Jesus and the truth if His message of Salvatio
<p>February 28</p> <p><i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i></p> <p>Chapter 20 The Bible: The Acts of the Apostles</p>	<p>The Bible: The Acts of the Apostles Chapter 20 (212-221)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of how the coming of the Holy spirit at Pentecost was a central event in the life of the early church and in the spread of Christianity • Examination of various events in the Acts of the Apostles and the work of Peter and Paul
<p>March 7</p>	<p>NO CLASS</p>	<p>(Spring Break Centennial)</p>
<p>March 14</p> <p><i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i></p> <p>Chapter 21 The Bible: The Letters</p>	<p>The Bible: The Letters Chapter 20 (222-231)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of the struggles they may face as a follower of Christ and where they can turn for guidance • Exploration of the letters in the New Testament, their message for the early Church and for us today

<p>March 21 <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i> Chapter 22 <i>The Mission of the Church</i> Chapter 23 <i>The Structure of the Church</i></p>	<p>The Mission of the Church Chapter 22 (232-243)</p> <p>The Structure of the Church Chapter 23 (244-253)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will differentiate between the Church and other types of communities • Students will explore how god calls everyone to be a part of the Church • Students will identify how various images help us to understand the mystery of the Church • Examination of the ways Jesus' followers carry out his mission in the world • Exploration of the roles of the ordained, consecrated and laity in the mission of the Church
<p>March 25</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.</p> <p>In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. . . Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9)</p> <p>.http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</p>
<p>March 28</p>	<p>EASTER WEEK – No Class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by attending Holy Week Masses and Services ~ Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday
<p>March 29-31</p>	<p>Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Triduum • Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist • Passion and Death of Jesus • Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection
<p>April 1</p>	<p>EASTER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the Easter celebration continues for the next 50 days
<p>April 4 Coon Rapids</p>	<p>Feed My Starving Children Meet at the Parish Center at 5:00 PM to return approximately 8:00 PM</p>	<p>FMSC - Coon Rapids</p>
<p>April 11 <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i> Chapter 24 <i>End Things; Heaven and Hell</i> Chapter 25 <i>Mary and the Saints</i></p>	<p>End Things; heaven and Hell Chapter 24 (254-263)</p> <p>Mary and the Saints Chapter 23 (264-274)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will reflect on the understanding of Heaven and Hell • Students will examine the Church's teaching on Heaven and Hell • Students will reflect on Jesus teaching on the Last Judgment and apply what is required to live in the Reign of God • Examine How Mary and the saints embody what it means to be holy and how they are examples to us of the meaning of being a disciple of Jesus Christ
<p>April 18</p>	<p>Catholic Fair Prep (Discipleship)</p>	<p>Reflect on the Theme of Discipleship in this year's class work</p>
<p>April 25</p>	<p>Catholic Fair PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER</p>	<p>God Bless You! Have a great evening!</p>

