

# CHURCH HISTORY - FAITH FIRST

CLASSES MEET AT CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Date	Material Covered	Concepts and Catechism Connections
September 28	Faith Formation Opening Mass Parish Community Center (PCC)	<i>Followed by meet and greet Catechists book pick up and ice cream social</i>
October 4	<b>Encounter</b> - Welcome Session 1 - An Introduction to the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bible is "alive" - with exciting stories</li> <li>The Bible is a light to show the way</li> <li>Read the Bible and encounter God in history and your life!</li> </ul>
October 11	<b>Encounter</b> Session 2 - Early World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God created you, loves you and can be trusted</li> <li>God made the world from nothing and for a purpose</li> <li>God is your loving Father and He has a plan for you</li> <li>When we go through storms in Life. Have faith and trust God</li> </ul>
October 18	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>MEA</b>
October 25	<b>Encounter</b> Session 3 - Patriarchs, Egypt & Exodus (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God has a mission and purpose for you</li> <li>Testing and trails strengthen us and lead us to God</li> <li>Even when you mess up God loves you</li> </ul>
November 1 Wednesday	All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown</li> </ul>
November 8	<b>Encounter</b> Session 4 - Egypt & Exodus (Part 2) Desert Wanderings Conquest and Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God gives each of us different skills and gifts</li> <li>God gave us the Ten Commandments because He loves us.</li> <li>"False Gods" are anything we care about more than God</li> <li>God doesn't always work on our timetable</li> </ul>
November 15	<b>Encounter</b> Session 5 - Royal Kingdom Divided Kingdom  Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When we sin God gives us a chance to start over</li> <li>Every life is a precious gift from God</li> <li>The prophets carried God's message.</li> <li>How do you prepare?</li> </ul>
November 22	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b></li> </ul>
November 29	Advent Lesson - Waiting and Longing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Parish Community Center (PCC)</li> </ul>
December 6	<b>Encounter</b> - The Divided Kingdom Session 6 - Exile Return Maccabean Revolt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Canon" means measuring rod - All the books of the Catholic Bible measured up</li> <li>Everything in the temple reminded the Israelites of their covenant with God. Everything in our church reminds us of Christ and of the family of God.</li> <li>Importance of Sabbath and spending time with family as necessary to happy family life</li> <li>Stories of Esther and Maccabees demonstrate the importance of moral courage (standing for what is right with God's grace)</li> </ul>

December 8 Friday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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."</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
December 13	<p><b>Encounter</b></p> <p>Session 7 - Messianic Fulfillment</p> <p>Celebration of the Birth of Jesus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus was tempted - and so are you. That is why prayer is important.</li> <li>• God has a message and a job for you. Will you answer "yes" or "no"?</li> <li>• Jesus' sacrifice restores you to new life</li> <li>• Your role in the Church. How will you respond?</li> <li>• The Nativity of our Lord.</li> </ul>
December 20	No Class (Christmas Break)	
December 25	<p>Christmas</p> <p>(Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World</li> </ul>
December 27	No Class (Christmas Break)	
January 1	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p> <p>(Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 )</li> <li>• one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974</li> </ul>
January 3	No Class (Catechist Appreciation)	

January 10	<p><b>Encounter</b> Session 8 - The Church</p> <p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>Make Disciples of all Nations A.D.50-A.D. 400 Chapter 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your mission is to help others encounter God</li> <li>• Truth can be hard to find, but the Church always speaks the truth.</li> <li>• Others may not want us to speak the truth, but we must be faithful to God</li> <li>• God never gives up on us. The Church never quits shining the light of Truth.</li> <li>• Jesus inaugurates the Church</li> <li>• Jesus chooses the Apostles</li> <li>• Jesus Crucified</li> <li>• Resurrection</li> <li>• the Great Commission</li> <li>• Pentecost</li> <li>• <i>Life Skill - Following the Way of Christ</i></li> </ul>
January 17	<p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>The Church Grows A.D. 50 - A.D. 400 Chapter 2</p> <p>Blessed are the Persecuted Chapter 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first disciples</li> <li>• St. Paul's Mission to the Gentiles</li> <li>• Council of Jerusalem</li> <li>• proclaiming the Gospel</li> <li>• Deposit of Faith</li> <li>• defenders of Faith</li> <li>• Christian worship</li> <li>• <i>Life Skill - Being an active member of a community</i></li> <li>• Martyrs</li> <li>• persecution of Christians,</li> <li>• Saints of the Church</li> <li>• <i>Life Skill - Handling Stress</i></li> </ul>
January 24	<p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>Jesus Commissions Peter Chapter 4</p> <p>The Rise of Christendom Chapter 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being called - Old and New Testament Narratives</li> <li>• St. Peter - Call and Denial</li> <li>• Love and self sacrifice in St. Peter's ministry</li> <li>• <i>Life skill - Practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy</i></li> <li>• Constantine</li> <li>• Church Fathers</li> <li>• Saints</li> <li>• Concept of Christendom</li> <li>• the hierarchy and the papacy</li> <li>• <i>Life Skill -learning and living the qualities of a good leader</i></li> </ul>
January 31	Created in the Image of God	Protecting Youth and Children Initiative
February 7	Catechist Choice	
February 14	NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth.</li> <li>• "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.</li> </ul>

<p>February 21</p>	<p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>Mystics, Medicants and Scholastics Chapter 6</p> <p>The Holy Spirit : a Scripture Story Chapter 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schism - East and West</li> <li>• Dark ages - and the lamp of learning- St. Columba and Hildegard of Bingen</li> <li>• Medicants - St. Francis of Assisi and Dominic de Guzman</li> <li>• Scholastics - St Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventruer</li> <li>• Crusades</li> <li>• <i>Life Skills - being Herald and Servant</i></li>   <li>• Incarnation</li> <li>• Jesus and the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• the mission of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Jesus promises the Holy Spirit , Pentecost</li> <li>• the Holy spirit in Church history</li> <li>• <i>the Fruits of the Holy Spirit</i></li> </ul>
<p>February 28</p>	<p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>Reformation and Renewal Chapter 8</p> <p>Exploration and Evangelization Chapter 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Western schism</li> <li>• reformation</li> <li>• Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation</li> <li>• Catholic Counter -Reformation</li> <li>• Council of Trent</li> <li>• St. Charles Borromeo</li> <li>• Vatican Council I</li> <li>• <i>Life Skills - Conflict Resolution</i></li>   <li>• apostolic Zeal</li> <li>• Church in the New World</li> <li>• Saints</li> <li>• Church in Africa</li> <li>• Martyrs</li> <li>• <i>Life skills - Values and Qualities necessary for the Christian Journey</i></li> </ul>
<p>March 7</p>	<p>NO CLASS (Spring Break Centennial)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>March 14 St. Genevieve Church</p>	<p>Reconciliation at Church</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>March 21</p>	<p><b>Church History</b></p> <p>The Missionary Church: A Scripture Story Chapter 10</p> <p>The Church in the New World Chapter 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation History</li> <li>• prophets</li> <li>• God's persistence and mercy</li> <li>• <i>Life skills - taking part in the mission of the Church</i></li>   <li>• the Gospel in the New World</li> <li>• Saints</li> <li>• Church in the United States</li> <li>• immigrant Church</li> <li>• Vatican II and Church in the U.S.</li> <li>• <i>profiles in Faith</i></li> </ul>

March 25	Palm Sunday	<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><a href="http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php">.http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</a></p>
March 28	EASTER WEEK – No Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
March 29-31	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Triduum</li> <li>• Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist</li> <li>• Passion and Death of Jesus</li> <li>• <b>Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection</b></li> </ul>
April 1	EASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the Easter celebration continues for the next 50 days</li> </ul>
April 4 Coon Rapids	<b>Feed My Starving Children</b> Leave the Parish Center at 5:15 PM to return approximately 8:00 PM	
April 11	Catechist Choice	
April 19	Catholic Fair Prep (Discipleship)	Reflect on the Theme of Discipleship in this year's class work
April 26	<b>Catholic Fair</b> PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER	God Bless You! Have a great evening! Celebrate and Showcase God's Mercy in our lives