

Advent

Christmas

Ordinary Time

Lent

Triduum

Easter

Ordinary Time

The Liturgical Year

By means of the yearly cycle the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ, from his incarnation until the day of Pentecost and the expectation of his coming again.

(Norms Governing Liturgical Calendars, 17)

Overview

The students will learn that we celebrate the entire mystery of Christ during the course of the liturgical year.

For Adult Reading and Reflection

You may want to refer to paragraph 1168 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Catechist Background

What causes for rejoicing have you experienced in your life?

Through the annual cycle of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the multiple dimensions of the saving mystery of Jesus Christ. On certain days and seasons she rejoices in the memory of the Lord's Resurrection. "In the course of the year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ. . . . Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, she opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age" (CCC 1163).

"The hour" of Jesus' Passover is ever present in the celebration of the Church's liturgy. It is the hour that undergirds all of history, the "today" of the faith community's prayer. Commenting on "the great Christ," who "shines over all beings more brightly than the sun," Saint Hippolytus observes,

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"Therefore a day of long, eternal light is ushered in for us who believe in him, a day which is never blotted out: the mystical Passover" (CCC 1165).

Every aspect of the mystery of Christ, from the Incarnation to the Resurrection and Ascension, is recalled and celebrated during the cycle of the seasons. From Advent and Christmas to Lent, to the Easter Triduum and Easter, and to Ordinary Time, the "great Christ" shines on the Church at prayer. He is the constant cause of our communal rejoicing.

How will you deepen your own appreciation of the liturgical year?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Introduce the Season

- Read the *Chapter Story*.
- Introduce the liturgical year.
- Proclaim the words on the chapter opener.

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- Discuss the *We Gather* questions.

2 WE BELIEVE

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Throughout the liturgical year we celebrate the entire mystery of Christ.

- Present the *We Believe* text.

- materials for photo collages
- poster board strips in green, white, violet, purple, and yellow
- markers

3 WE RESPOND

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Identify ways the parish celebrates each liturgical season.

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We Respond in Prayer

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in prayer.



Respond in song.



“Rejoice in the Lord Always,”

G. B. Brown and D. M. Herbert,
#7, *We Believe* Grade 6 CD

- Advent calendar, crèche or crib, bowl of ashes, cross, white candle, picture of Jesus teaching

Text page 84

Guide pages 83–84, 84A

Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Complete Reproducible Master 6 activity. See Guide pages 84A and 79C.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family**, guide page 84B.

- copies of Reproducible Master 6, guide page 84A.
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family**, guide page 84B.

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