

First Communion Syllabus 2020-2021

Semester 1: First Reconciliation Preparation 2020

August 30	Week 1: 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 7-15)
Chapter 1: Our Heavenly Father	<i>Psalm 36:7, Isaiah 49:15-16</i> a. Our Father wants us to be in heaven b. God gave us our souls to allow us to love c. God gave the Bible to us to help teach us how to get to heaven
Chapter 2: The Blessed Trinity	<i>Matthew 28:19</i> a. Three Persons in one God b. God calls us to share in his relationship of love
Vocabulary to know	Heaven, soul, bible (old & new testament), Trinity, mystery
Prayer Focus	Sign of the Cross, Glory Be

September 6	No Class – Labor Day Holiday
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September 13	Week 2: 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 17-26)
Chapter 3: God the Creator	<i>Revelation 4:11, Daniel 3:40-43, 51-59; Genesis 1:31</i> a. God created out of love b. We are made to praise God
Chapter 4: God Made Us	<i>Genesis 1:27, Corinthians 6:18</i> We are made in the image and likeness of God
Vocabulary to know	Creator, Adam, Eve, grace, serve, guardian angel
Prayer Focus	Glory Be, Guardian Angel prayer (pg. 24)

September 20	Week 3: 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 27-34)
Chapter 5: God is Offended	<i>Genesis 3:13, Exodus 19:5</i> a. God created the angels b. God tested the angels c. God tested man d. The Fall of man
Ch. 6: Becoming a Child of God	<i>John 3:5</i> Baptism restores us to a life of grace to live holy lives
Vocabulary to know	Angels, devils, obey, offend, sin, Original sin, Baptism
Prayer Focus	Hail Mary

September 27	Week 4: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 35-40)
Chapter 7: Obeying God Our Father	<i>Jeremiah 17:7</i> a. God promised a Savior b. Servants of God: Noah, Abraham, and David
Vocabulary to know	Noah, Abraham, Isaac, David,
Prayer Focus	Our Father

October 4 Week 5: Respect Life Sunday - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 41-50)

Chapter 8: God Gives Us His Laws
Deuteronomy 28:1, John 15:14
a. Moses delivered his people
b. Ten Commandments

Chapter 9: I Choose to Love God
Luke 10:27, Psalm 86:5
a. Love of God and neighbor
b. Great Commandment

Vocabulary to know Ten Commandments, law, mortal sin, venial sin
Prayer Focus Our Father

October 11 Week 6: (pgs. 85-87; 89-92)

Chapter 17: Asking Forgiveness
Psalm 103:8
a. Sin is turning away from God
b. Repentance is turning back to God

Chapter 18: Jesus Forgives
Luke 5:24; John 20:23
a. We must have sorrow for our sins to be forgiven
b. Sacrament of Penance

Vocabulary to know sorrow, forgive; Sacrament, confess, absolve (absolution)
Prayer Focus Act of Contrition (pg. 87)

October 18 Week 7: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mobarch.org PDF pgs. 17-23)

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Prayer Focus Review: Act of Contrition, Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father

October 25 Week 8: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 93-96)

John 20:22-23

Chapter 19: The Sacrament of Penance
Steps to a good confession:
1. Examination of conscience
2. Sorrow for Sins
3. Decide not to sin again
4. Tell your sins to a priest
5. Do the penance the priest gives you

Vocabulary to know Sacrament of penance

Prayer Focus Prayer of thanksgiving (p. 94) Review Act of Contrition

November 1 Week 9: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 97-100)

Chapter 20: Making Up for Our Offenses
Luke 19:8
a. Zacchaeus
b. Penance and temporal punishments
c. Virtues and vices

Vocabulary to know Review: confess, absolution, forgiven, sin, sorry, penance

Prayer Focus Review: Act of Contrition; Glory Be; Hail Mary, Our Father

Tour the confessionals (Daylight Savings Time ends)

November 8	Week 10: 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 65-74)
Chapter 13: Good News	<i>Matthew 3:11</i> a. Jesus begins his ministry b. Jesus baptized c. Jesus tempted d. Kingdom of God
Chapter 14: Jesus Our Teacher	<i>Matthew 5:1-2</i> a. Parables b. The Good Samaritan
Vocabulary to know	John the Baptist, disciples, Good News, Kingdom of God, Corporal works of mercy
Prayer Focus	Our Father
November 15	Week 11: 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pgs. 75-78)
Chapter 15: Prayer/Miracles	<i>Matthew 6:9-13</i> a. Our Father b. Types and kinds of prayer
Chapter 16: We Believe	Miracles: Wedding at Cana, calming the storm, loaves and fishes, Eucharist, Jairus daughter
Vocabulary to know	Our Father
Prayer Focus	Morning Offering (pg. 78), Our Father, Act of Contrition
Parent Alert!	Mock Confessions - Need parent volunteers
November 22	No Class - Thanksgiving Break
November 29	No Class - 1 st Sunday of Advent - Year B
December 6	Week 12: 2 nd Sunday of Advent (pgs. 51-54; 55-64)
Chapter 10: Preparing for Our Savior	<i>Isaiah 40:3; Luke 1:28; Matthew 1:23; Luke 2:10-11</i> a. Annunciation b. Advent
Chapter 11: The Savior Is Born	<i>Matthew 1:23</i> a. Birth b. Shepherds and Magi
Vocabulary to know	Prophets, Mary, Gabriel, Advent, Bethlehem, manger, Christmas,
Prayer Focus	Saint Joseph litany pg. 63 and review all prayers: Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition
Parent Alert!	Mock Confessions - Need parent volunteers
TBA	1 st Reconciliation
Dec. 13	No Class – 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 20th and 27th	No Class – Christmas Break

Season of Lent

Wed. Feb 17	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
February 21	Week 18: 1 st Sunday of Lent (pgs. 113-116)
Ch. 23: Jesus Dies for Us	<i>Luke 23:46</i> a. Agony in the Garden b. Jesus was condemned, scourged, crucified, and died
Vocabulary to know	Cross, Calvary, Passion (Stations of the Cross)
Prayer Focus	Stations of the Cross response: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You, because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.
Saturday Feb 27	First Communion Workshop
9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Children and at least one parent or godparent attend We may have to set up a zoom session based on the health of the community.
Feb 28	Week 19: 2 nd Sunday of Lent (pgs. 117-120)
Chapter 24: He Is Risen, Alleluia!	<i>Luke 24:5</i> a. Resurrection appearances b. The apostles received the Holy Spirit c. Easter
Vocabulary to know	Easter, Resurrection
Prayers	Review
March 7	No Class-Spring Break
March 14	Week 20: 4 th Sunday of Lent (pgs. 140-142)
Chapter 29: Jesus Returns to the Father	<i>Acts 1:3; Mark 16:15</i> a. After the resurrection b. The ascension
Vocabulary to know	Apostles, ascension
Prayer Focus	Review
March 21	Week 21: 5 th Sunday of Lent (pgs. 143-148)
Chapter 30: Coming of the Holy Spirit	<i>Acts 2:2-3</i> a. Pentecost b. Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick
Vocabulary to know	Pentecost
Prayer Focus	Prayer to the Holy Spirit (pg. 147)
March 28	Week 22: Palm Sunday (pgs. 149-152)
Chapter 31: God's Family the Church	<i>Matthew: 16:18-19</i> a. Members of the Church: Pope, Bishops, Priest, Deacons Religious, Laity b. The Church is the Body of Christ
Vocabulary to know	Pope, bishop, Church, creed
Prayer	Apostles' Creed (pg. 152 – or 177)
April 1-3	Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil

Season of Easter

April 4	No class – Easter Sunday	
April 11	Week 23: Divine Mercy Sunday (pgs. 153-157)	
Chapter 32: Mary, Our Mother	<i>John 19:26-27</i> a. Assumption b. Jesus gave Mary to us as our Mother	c. Rosary
Vocabulary to know Prayers	Assumption, rosary Hail Mary; Litany (p. 157)	
April 14-17 (W-Sa)	First Communion Group Interviews (Sign up for day/time)	
April 18	Week 24: 3 rd Sunday of Easter (pgs. 159-165)	
Chapter 33: Jesus is Always Present	<i>Revelation 7:12</i> Jesus promise always to be with his Church	
Chapter 34: Heaven, Our Home	<i>John 14:2</i> a. Purgatory, heaven, and hell b. Resurrection of the body	c. True Happiness is fulfilled in heaven
Vocabulary to know Prayers	Monstrance, sanctuary lamp, tabernacle, saints, purgatory, hell The Divine Praises (p. 162)	
April 25	Week 25: 4 th Sunday of Easter Practice in sanctuary during class time	
April 30 (Friday)	Practice with priest - Time TBD	
May 1 (Saturday)	First Communion Mass at 10:30 a.m. Please arrive no later than 9:45 a.m.	
May 2	Week 26: Fifth Sunday of Easter Final Celebration and May Crowning—wear your First Communion clothing	

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Chapter 12: The Holy Family	<i>Matthew 2:19-20</i> Flight into Egypt (Vocabulary: Nazareth, Joseph, Holy Family)
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