



Good News

Grade 3 2020–2021 SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

LITURGICAL YEAR			DOCTRINAL CONTENT					
	Date/Sunday	Sunday Gospels	Bible	Catholic Faith Word	Creed	Sacraments & Liturgy	Life in Christ	Christian Prayer
ORDINARY TIME	September 20, 2020 25th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 20:1–16a Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard	Vineyard as symbol of Church	Church	The Liturgy of the Word recalls God's generous love. (1103, 1154)	Mass: Church as the People of God and Body of Christ	Acting with fairness and generosity	We Are the People of God prayer service
	September 27, 2020 26th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 21:28–32 Parable of Two Sons	Gospels as source of Jesus' story	Gospel	God gives us free will. (1704, 1711, 1731, 1853)	Mass: Gospel	Making loving choices; listening to Jesus	Prayers of petition; Sign of the Cross
	October 4, 2020 27th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 21:33–43 Parable of the Vineyard	Bible as source of Sunday readings; God as vineyard owner	Creation	God cares for Creation. (41, 239, 301, 421)	Mass: Scripture readings; feast days of saints	Saint: Francis; belonging to a Church; finding Bible verses	Prayer for the Church
	October 11, 2020 28th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:1–14 Parable of the Wedding Feast	Third Commandment; Sabbath	Eucharist	Jesus invites us to his table. (1396)	Eucharist; Baptism	Keeping the Lord's Day holy	Prayer of thanks
	October 18, 2020 29th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:15–21 Give to Caesar and God	Eighth Commandment; Pharisees	Pharisees	Baptism welcomes us to God's family. (265, 804, 985)	Baptism; Mass: Creed; Reconciliation	Being honest; honoring God; being a witness	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
	October 25, 2020 30th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:34–40 The Great Commandment	Jesus' Great Commandment: love	commandment	Jesus' Great Commandment is love. (1970–1972)	Reconciliation	Following rules; loving God and neighbor	Prayer of petition; prayer of thanks
	November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints	Matthew 5:1–12a The Beatitudes	Sermon on the Mount; Beatitudes	Beatitudes	Jesus leads us to happiness. (1716–1719)	Communion of Saints; All Saints' Day; All Souls' Day	Following Jesus' path to happiness; honoring saints	Praying to saints
	November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 25:1–13 Wise and Foolish Girls		sin	God gives us freedom to choose. (1732–1734, 2612)	Reconciliation	Avoiding sin; growing in virtue; loving choices	Prayer of petition; Sign of the Cross
	November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 25:14–15, 19–21 Parable of the Talents		servant	God gives us talents. (546, 1880, 2427)		Using talents to serve God; affirming talents	Thanking God for talents
	November 22, 2020 Solemnity of Christ the King	Matthew 25:31–46 Jesus Teaches the Works of Mercy	Final Judgment; Kingdom of God; Sermon on the Mount	mercy	God judges us on love. (678, 682)	Church Year: Christ the King; Reconciliation	Doing Works of Mercy; showing mercy	Alphabet prayer of praise; thanking God for all gifts
ADVENT-CHRISTMAS	November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent	Mark 13:33–37 Jesus Says, "Be Alert!"	Prophet Isaiah; Second Coming	Advent	Jesus promises to come again. (524, 681–682, 2612)	Church Year: Advent	Waiting, watching, and preparing	Advent wreath prayer; Family Forgiveness Prayer
	December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent	Mark 1:1–8 Jesus Is the Good News	John the Baptist	Holy Spirit	John announces the Good News. (718–719)	Church Year: Advent; Baptism; Holy Days of Obligation	Saint: Nicholas; feeding the hungry; getting ready	Advent wreath prayer; prayer to the Holy Spirit
	December 13, 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent	John 1:6–8, 19–28 John the Baptist Prepares Us for Jesus	Isaiah; John the Baptist; Messiah	Messiah	John preaches repentance and testifies to the light. (523, 535, 719–720)	Church Year: Advent; Gaudete Sunday; Reconciliation	Turning our hearts to Jesus' light; repenting	Advent wreath prayer; Reconciliation prayer service; Act of Contrition
	December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26–38 Mary Says Yes to God	Angels as God's messengers	Annunciation	Mary models surrender to God. (490, 973, 2617, 2674)	Church Year: Advent; Mass: Creed; Annunciation	Valuing other cultures; learning about Mary	Advent wreath prayer; Hail Mary
	December 25, 2020 & January 1, 2021 Christmas & Epiphany	Luke 2:1–14 Jesus Is Born & Matthew 2:1–12 Visit of the Magi	New Testament: Nativity and Epiphany	Savior	Jesus is born in Bethlehem. (525) Jesus comes for all people. (528)	Church Year: Christmas, Epiphany	Telling the Christmas story	Native American blessing of directions
ORDINARY TIME	January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord	Mark 1:7–11 Jesus Is Baptized	John the Baptist	Holy Trinity	Baptism welcomes us into God's family. (265, 536, 985)	Baptism; Sacraments of Initiation	Living as children of God; honoring the Trinity	Sign of the Cross; Glory Be to the Father
	January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday Ordinary	John 1:35–42 Jesus Calls His First Followers	Samuel; psalms; disciple	disciple	Jesus invites us into relationship. (27, 1101, 2233)	Mass: Liturgy of Word	Being called; following Jesus	Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40
	January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:14–20 Jesus Calls Four Fishermen	Galilee	vocation	Jesus calls disciples. (542, 804–806)	Mass: sharing the Good News	Sharing the Good News	Vocation prayer
	January 31, 2021 4th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:21–28 Jesus Teaches with Authority	Jesus as healer; miracles	miracle	Jesus calls us to put our faith into action. (1814)	Mass: Creed	Putting faith into action; doing good	Rhyming prayer
	February 7, 2021 5th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:29–39 Jesus Raises Up, Heals, and Frees People	Gospel of Mark	sacrament	Sacraments are celebrations of God's love. (1113, 1118, 1380, 1972)	Sacraments; Anointing of the Sick	Saint: Martin de Porres; finding Gospel passages	Praying for healing
	February 14, 2021 6th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:40–45 Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy	Jesus' healing ministry; care for the sick and outcast	Lent	Jesus' healings return outcasts to community. (605, 1421, 1443, 2616, 2792)	Church Year: Lent, Ash Wednesday; Baptism	Saint: Damien of Molokai; reaching out to others	Lenten prayer service; thanking God for loved ones
	February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent	Mark 1:12–15 Jesus Is Tempted	God's covenant with Noah; Mark as Evangelist	covenant	Jesus is faithful to God. (538–540, 566, 2157)	Church Year: Lent; Mass: Creed	Growing in faith	Amen; Creed prayer
	February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mark 9:2–10 Jesus' Friends See Him Transfigured	Moses and Elijah; Matthew as Evangelist	Transfiguration	The Transfiguration is a promise of our own resurrection. (460, 556, 1000)	Church Year: Lent; Mass: Lord's Prayer, Creed	Reviewing Jesus' life; loving	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
	March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent	John 2:13–25 Jesus Cleanses the Temple	The Temple	holy	Jesus teaches us to be holy. (459, 564, 781, 826, 901, 941)	Church Year: Lent	Lenten practice: praying	Alphabet prayer of thanks
	March 14, 2021 4th Sunday of Lent	John 3:14–21 Jesus Gives Us Light	Ten Commandments	Ten Commandments	Jesus forgives our sins and saves us. (545, 620, 2839)	Church Year: Lent; Reconciliation	Lenten practice: giving; following the Commandments	Prayer of light
LENT	March 21, 2021 5th Sunday of Lent	John 12:20–33 Jesus Is Like a Grain of Wheat		sacrifice	The Mass celebrates Jesus' great sacrifice. (1330, 1367, 1382)	Church Year: Lent; Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist	Lenten practice: fasting; making sacrifices	Prayer of thanks
	March 28, 2021 Palm/Passion Sunday	Mark 15:1–39 Jesus' Passion	Jesus' Passion	Holy Week	Jesus suffers and dies for us. (478, 542, 618, 1329, 2305)	Church Year: Lent, Holy Week; Good Friday liturgy; Adoration of the Cross	Celebrating special people; remembering Jesus' last days	Hosanna; Rosary; Sorrowful Mysteries; adoring the cross
	April 4 & April 11, 2021 Easter Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:1–9 & John 20:19–31 Jesus Is Risen and Greets His Friends	Jesus' Resurrection	Alleluia	God raises Jesus from death to eternal life. (638, 989)	Church Year: Easter; Mass: Creed	Believing without seeing; identifying signs of Easter	Alleluia!
	April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter	Luke 24:35–48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Post-Resurrection appearances	Real Presence	Jesus gives us peace. (624, 813, 2304–2305)	Baptism; Mass: Creed, Amen, Sign of Peace, Holy Communion	Believing in the Real Presence; being the Body of Christ	Creed prayer; Amen
	April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter	John 10:11–18 Jesus Is the Good Shepherd	God the Creator	pastor	Jesus is our Good Shepherd. (754, 764, 2415–2418)	Presiders at liturgy: priest, deacon, bishop, pope	Caring for God's Creation; following Jesus; being kind in deed	Prayer to our Good Shepherd
EASTER	May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter	John 15:1–8 Jesus Is the Vine; We Are the Branches	Life of Jesus; God the Creator; vineyard as symbol of Church	church community	Jesus unites the Church. (736, 755, 820, 960, 2074)	Mass: gathering as community, Lord's Prayer	Reviewing the life of Jesus; bearing good fruit	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
	May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter	John 15:9–17 Jesus' Great Commandment	Pentecost; Holy Spirit	mission	Jesus calls his friends to bear good fruit. (735–737, 1134, 1724)	Sacraments of Initiation; Confirmation	Showing love; sharing the Good News; bearing fruit	Prayer of mission

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