Based on AMS Forming Disciples for the new Evangelization and Liturgical Calendar

Minimum Expectation: 30 Hours of Faith Formation per Year

This sample thematic calendar is offered to support families and catechetical teams (Priests, Coordinators of Religious Education and catechists) in the faith formation/religious education planning for adults, youth and children year-round regardless of the [textbook](https://www.usccb.org/committees/catechism/conformity-review-list) used by each installation. Each individual involved in the faith formation process can study/learn the same theme according to age appropriateness. Join the [AMS Catechists Talk](https://www.facebook.com/groups/311323499053311/?ref=group_browse) Facebook community to stay connected and informed.

Keep it simple: Start your lesson planning by choosing one topic, one methodology, one standard and one indicator. The topic options offered below are inspired by the Sunday Gospel. The first and second readings and the Psalm will provide deeper meaning and inspiration. Use the AMS Fill-In [Lesson Planning](https://www.milarch.org/faith-formation/) Outline.

**Support Tools and Resources** (See Strategic Planning ideas on last pages):

* Liturgical Calendar [Cycle Year C](https://www.usccb.org/resources/2025cal.pdf) – December 1, 2024 to November 23, 2025

 [Cycle Year A](https://www.usccb.org/resources/2026cal.pdf) – November 30, 2025 to November 22, 2026

* USCCB Catechetical Sunday [Resources](https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-sunday-2025) (21 Sept 2025) -Theme: “Always be ready to give an explanation…for a reason for your hope” (1Pet 3:15)
* [AMS Curriculum Guide](https://www.milarch.org/curriculum-guide/) and [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) Platform (PreK to 12)
* AMS Curriculum Guide [Correlations](http://www.milarch.org/curriculum-correlations/) to Textbooks
* [Sacred Scriptures](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/) and [Catechism of the Catholic Church](http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html)
* [Compendium](http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html) to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, United States Catholic [Catechism for Adults](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/), [Saint of the Day](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints.html)
* Video [Catechism](http://vcat.org/) from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV and Video [Sacraments](http://catholichawaii.org/catholic-essentials/sacrament-videos/) from the Diocese of Honolulu, HI
* [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](http://usccb.org/) and [The Holy See](http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
* Catholic Relief Services [Resources](https://www.crs.org/get-involved/parish-and-diocesan-leaders) for Hands-on Projects or Missionary Discipleship and [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching)
* USCCB [Video Series](https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/video-series-new-directory) on the Directory for Catechesis 2020
* [Jubilee of Hope](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html) 2025

**Catechetical Organizations**:

* National Community of Catechetical Leaders ([NCCL](https://www.ncclcatholic.org/)), Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics ([FCH](https://fchcatechesis.org/)), The Franciscan International [Guild](https://franciscanathome.com/guild) for Catechists and Leaders, [TeamInitiation](https://rcia-resources.teamrcia.com/), Military Council of Catholic Women ([MCCW](https://www.milarch.org/military-council-of-catholic-women/)), Ruah Woods [Institute](https://www.ruahwoodsinstitute.org/), National Catholic [Partnership on Disability](https://ncpd.org/), USCCB [Institute on the Catechism](https://evangelizingcatechesis.com/site/),

**Family Catechesis:** A selected number of Catholic faith communities in the Archdiocese are participating in NCCL’s *Parents and Families at the Center of Faith Formation* (2024-2028): <https://www.ncclcatholicfamilies.org/>.

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| Date | Scripture Readings | Lesson Topics | Select Standard | Family Catechesis Moments |
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| 1. **10 Aug 2025**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeSolemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Aug 15 | Luke 12:32-48Wis 18:6-9Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Topic: [Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-corporal-works-of-mercy.cfm)Topic: “Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” Topic: The Sacraments of ServiceTopic: Stewards of God’s TreasuresTopic: Faithful ServantsTopic: Vigilant and Faithful ServantsTopic: Seek the Road to Heaven | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/)14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Choose a corporal work of mercy to practice as a family during the week –a service project to show young disciples how to serve othersAt Home: Parents are encouraged to share with their children about service in the Military and the rewards of their sacrifices.At Home: Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) with emphasis on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Clare, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Stephen of Hungary  |
| 1. **17 Aug 2025**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Aug 22 | Luke 12:49-53Jer 38:4-6, 8-10Heb 12:1-4 | Topic: The Work for Christian UnityTopic: Unity vs DivisionTopic: Unity in DiversityTopic: The Voices in the Peripheries -The BeatitudesTopic: For or Against Jesus | 5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)10 Interpersonal Relationships13 [Inter-Religious Dialogue](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/videos.cfm) | In Class: Review the Beatitudes and choose one to practice as a family during the weekAt Home: Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) with emphasis on the Coronation of Mary as Queen of HeavenAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John Eudes, Saint Bernard, Saint Pius X, Saint Rose of Lima |
| 1. **24 Aug 2025**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary TimeMemorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist –Aug 29[VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 5 Courses EndAccess Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY  | Luke 13:22-30Isaiah 66:18-21Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Topic: Open the Door of Your Heart to JesusTopic: Strive for HeavenTopic: God’s Saving LoveTopic: The Narrow DoorTopic: [Jesus](https://aleteia.org/2018/01/03/what-does-the-name-jesus-mean/) = God SavesTopic: Unpacking the Creed | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class and At Home: Review the Creed, teach children how to make the sign of the cross and its significance for ChristiansAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for youth and childrenAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Saint Monica, Saint Augustine |
| 1. **31 Aug 2025**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeWorld Day of [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-care-creation-0) for the Care of Creation –Sept 1Labor Day –Sept 1 | Luke 14:1, 7-14Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Topic: Faith EtiquetteTopic: Companions at the TableTopic: Be HumbleTopic: Inviting the PeripheriesTopic: The Four Marks of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy6 Christian Living8 Catholic Church10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Help young disciples with ways to conduct themselves in Mass and how to receive the Holy Eucharist with reverenceAt Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary)At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Gregory the Great |
| 1. **7 Sept 2025**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Sept 8The Most Holy Name of Mary –Sept 12[VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 6 Courses StartAccess Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 14:25-33Wis 9:13-18bPhilm 9-10, 12-17 | Topic: Pray to Discern to Follow Jesus Topic: The Disciples of Jesus Pray AlwaysTopic: The Joy of Following JesusTopic: Stay Rooted in Word and Sacrament | 7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Connect discipleship to the Sacraments of Christian InitiationIn Class: Invite young disciples to get involved in Mass as alter server, lector, usher and choir.At Home: Help young disciples to learn the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory BeAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) as a family for vocationsAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Peter Claver, Saint John Chrysostom |
| 1. **14 Sept 2025**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross –Sept 14Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows –Sept 15 | John 3:13-17Nm 21:4b-9Phil 2:6-11 | Topic: The Exaltation of the Holy CrossTopic: The Promise of Eternal LifeTopic: Jesus Died on the CrossTopic: God’s LoveTopic: God’s Saving Love  | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)  | In Class: Enthrone the Crucifix At Home: Discuss the meaning of the Cross in your faith journey and why we signage ourselves with the sign of the Cross At Home: Pray Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for those who have left the Church At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Cornelius, Saint Cyprian, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Januarius, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions |
| 1. **21 Sept 2025**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary TimeCatechetical Sunday –Commissioning of the Catechists and Blessing of ParentsJewish: Rosh Hashana, 1st Day –Sept 23Jewish: Rosh Hashana, 2nd Day –Sept 24 | Luke 16:1-13Am 8:4-71 Tim 2:1-8 | Topic: Stewards of God’s Truth, Beauty and GoodnessTopic: Love God Above all ElseTopic: [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) Keeps US Honest with GodTopic: Be Trustworthy With All You DoTopic: Attention to Detail in the Spiritual Life | 5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)10 Interpersonal Relationships12 [Catholic Social Teaching](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/) | In Class: Enact the parable of the dishonest steward and talk about honesty and prudenceIn Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector, usher and choirAt Home: Talk about honesty and prudence over dinner At Home: Pray Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the unity and sanctity of the family and those in position of authorityAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Pius of Pietrelcina, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Saint Vincent de Paul |
| 1. **28 Sept 2025**

Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels –Sept 29Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels -Oct 2Jewish: Yom Kippur –Oct 2 | Luke 16:1-13Am 6:1a, 4-71 Tim 6:11-16 | Topic: Strive for HeavenTopic: Finding God in the PeripheriesTopic: The Chasm Between Heaven and HellTopic: Listen to the Voice of God in Scripture Topic: Living the [Baptismal](http://catholichawaii.org/catholic-essentials/sacrament-videos/baptism-one-ohana/) Promises | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living | In Class: Enact the story of the rich man and Lazarus At Home: Pray the prayer of Saint Michael the ArchangelIn Class: Invite young disciples to bring the Rosary to class in October to pray.At Home: Talk with children that good actions matter At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the souls in purgatoryAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Francis of Assisi |
| 1. **5 Oct 2025**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary TimeEcumenical World Communion SundayRespect Life SundayMemorial of Our Lady of the Rosary –Oct 7Jewish: Succot, 1st Day –Oct 7Jewish: Succot, 2nd Day –Oct 8Indigenous People’s Day -Oct 11 | Luke 17:5-10Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-42 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Topic: Lord, Increase the Gift of Faith in MeTopic: Nurturing the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and LoveTopic: The Attitude of a Missionary Disciple of Jesus Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living14 Missionary Discipleship  | In Class: Enthrone an image of the Virgin Mary to pray at least a decade of the Holy Rosary during the month of OctoberIn Class: Create cards with a mustard seed and the saying of faith: ‘If you have faith the size of a mustard seed…”At Home: Set-up a family altar with preferred image of Mary, Mother of God, to pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Saint Dennis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi, Saint John XXIII |
| 1. **12 Oct 2025**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary TimeColumbus Day –Oct 13Jewish: Shemini Atzeret –Oct 14Jewish: Simchat Torah –Oct 15Feast of Saint Luke, the Evangelist –Oct 18[VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 6 Courses EndAccess Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 17:11-192 Kings 5:14-172 Tm 2:8-13 | Topic: Show Your Faith with GratitudeTopic: Be Grateful and Generous to JesusTopic: Glorify GodTopic: Give Thanks to GodTopic: The gift of faith | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) | In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for parents.In Class: Explore the various ways of [praying](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) as Christian Catholics and in other religionsAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) asking the Lord to increase our faith At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Callistus I, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Ignatius of Antioch |
| 1. **19 Oct 2025**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary TimeLaity SundayWorld Missions Sunday | Luke 18:1-8Ex 17:8-132 Tim 3:14—4:2 | Topic: God Always Hears Our PrayersTopic: Pray AlwaysTopic: The Gift of Faith | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for the Pope, bishops, priests, deacons and religious to be faithful to the Lord in the Church.At Home: Share stories of prayers answeredAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) asking the Lord to increase our faith At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Paul of the Cross, Saint John Paul II, Saint John of Capistrano, Saint Anthony Mary Claret |
| 1. **26 Oct 2025**

ThirtiethSunday in Ordinary TimeEcumenical Reformation DayFeast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles –Oct 28Solemnity of All Saints –Nov 1 (not a day of obligation this year)[VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 7 Courses StartAccess Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY  | Luke 18:9-14Sir 35:12-14, 16-182 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 | Topic: Be Humble Before the LordTopic: ‘O God, be Merciful to me a Sinner’ Topic: What is a sacrament? Topic: Becoming a Saint  | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church | In Class: Create a skit to enact the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector and analyze it prayerfully.In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for the children and youth around the worldIn Class: Invite students to come to church dressed as their favorite saint next SundayAt Home: Share with children the story behind their given nameAt Home: Brag about the best saint story read so far this year. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) asking the Lord for the grace of holiness At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of your favorite [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) |
| 1. **2 Nov 2025**

Thirty-FirstSunday in Ordinary TimeThe Commemoration of all the [Faithful Departed](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/commemoration-of-all-the-faithful-departed--all-souls-day-.html) (All Souls’ Day) -SundayNational Vocations Awareness Week –Nov 2-9Ecumenical World Community Day -Nov 7 | John 6:37-40Wisdom 3:1-9Romans 6:3-9 | Topic: Raised on the Last DayTopic: The Will of the FatherTopic: The Resurrection and Eternal LifeTopic: Paying for the Faithful DepartedTopic: The Sacrament of the Anointing pf the SickTopic: The Sacrament of Holy Orders | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](http://vcat.org/sacraments/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church | In Class: A parade of saintsAt Home: Who is your favorite saint and why?In Class: Pray for the faithful departedAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the eternal rest of the faithful departed. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Martin de Porres, Saint Charles Borromeo |
| 1. **9 Nov 2025**

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of the Dedication of the [Lateran Basilica](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html) –SundayStewardship SundayVeterans’ Day –Nov 11 | John 2:13-22Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 121 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Topic: The Death and Resurrection of the LordTopic: Jesus, the New TemplesTopic: Be a Temple of the Holy SpiritTopic: The Temple -A House of PrayerTopic: The Domestic ChurchTopic: House of GodTopic: Be a Sign of Hope | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](http://vcat.org/sacraments/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church | In Class: Discuss what Jesus meant by “destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up?”At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the military men and women. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Leo the Great, Saint Martin of Tours, Saint Josephat, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Saint Albert the Great |
| 1. **16 Nov 2025**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeMemorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles –Nov 18Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Nov 21 | Luke 21:5-19Mal 3:19-20a2 Thes 3:7-12 | Topic: The End TimesTopic: Witness of Jesus ChristTopic: The Persecution of ChristiansTopic: Persevere in FaithTopic: The Name of Jesus | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)8 Catholic Church10 Interpersonal Relationships14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Prepare in anticipation of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the UniverseAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for persecuted Christians At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Elizabeth of Hungary, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Saint Cecilia  |
| 1. **23 Nov 2025**

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeSolemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, [King of the Universe](https://www.usccb.org/christtheking)Bible SundayThanksgiving Day -Nov 27 | Luke 23:35-432 Sm 5:1-3Col 1:12-20 | Topic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the UniverseTopic: The King of the JewsTopic: The Messiah of GodTopic: The Innocent Topic: Jesus, Remember MeTopic: Jesus is the Lord | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)5 Conscience7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)13 [Inter-Religious Dialogue](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/videos.cfm) | In Class: Create a drawing, poem or song about Christ, King of the UniverseAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the military men and women. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Saint Catherine of Alexandria |
| 1. **30 Nov 2025**

First Sunday of Advent**Year A Begins**[VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 7 Courses EndAccess Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Mt 24:37-44Isaiah 2:1-5Rom 13:11-14 | Topic: Stay Awake! Jesus is Coming!Topic: Be Prepared –The Son of Man Will Come | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  | In Class: Invite parents to join their young disciples in creating Advent Wreaths In Class: Do an [examination](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience) of conscience to encourage young disciples in grades 3-12 to go to confession to prepare for the coming of the Lord.At Home: Las PosadasAt Home: Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent WreathAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Francis Xavier, Saint John Damascene, Saint Nicholas |
| 1. **7 Dec 2025**

Second Sunday of AdventSolemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Dec 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)Feast of Our Lady of Loreto -Dec 10Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe -Dec 12 | Mt 3:1-12Isaiah 11:1-10Rom 15:4-9 | Topics: Clean Hearts for JesusTopic: John the Baptist Preached RepentanceTopic: Baptism and ConfessionTopic: “Prepare the Way of the Lord”Topic: What is sin?Topic: Baptism with the Holy Spirit and FireTopic: Our Lady of Guadalupe-Marian Apparitions and Devotions | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/) 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church | In Class: Our Lady of Guadalupe FiestaIn Class: Christmas around the worldIn Class: Advent in the Liturgical CalendarIn Class: Do an [examination](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience) of conscience to encourage young disciples in grades 3-12 to go to confession to prepare for the coming of the Lord.At Home: Las PosadasAt Home: Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent WreathAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Saint Damasus, Saint Lucy |
| 1. **14 Dec 2025**

Third Sunday of AdventGaudete Sunday | Mt 11:2-11Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10Jas 5:7-10 | Topic: Go Out to Proclaim the Good NewsTopic: John the Baptist –A man of faithTopics: John the Baptist –The MessengerTopic: Rejoice and WaitTopic: Patience -The Absence of the Gloria in Advent | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church | In Class: Discuss the meaning of the candles in the Advent WreathIn Class: Do an [examination](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience) of conscience to encourage young disciples in grades 3-12 to go to confession to prepare for the coming of the Lord.At Home: Las PosadasAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent WreathAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) |
| 1. **21 Dec 2025**

Fourth Sunday of Advent Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – Dec 25 (Holyday of Obligation)Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr -Dec 26Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist -Dec 27 | Mt 1:18-24Isaiah 7:10-14Rom 1:1-7 | Topics: The Birth of JesusTopic: The Angelus (Collect from the Mass)Topic: Trust in GodTopic: The Virgin Mary Conceived by the Power of the Holy SpiritTopic: Emmanuel, God is with UsTopic: The Annunciation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)4 Liturgy10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Celebrate the birth of JesusAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) in thanksgiving for God’s saving loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John of Kanty |
| 1. 28 Dec 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Jan 1)World Day of Prayer for Peace (Jan 1)The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Jan 3) | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23Sir 3:2-6, 12-14Col 3:12-21 | Topic: The Holy Family’s Flight to EgyptTopic: The Angel of the LordTopic: The Obedience of Saint Joseph  | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Thomas Becket, Saint Sylvester I, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen |
| 1. **4 Jan 2026**

USA: [Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord](https://www.wf-f.org/epiphany.html)Orthodox Christmas –Jan 7 | Matthew 2:1-12Is 60:1-6Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 | Topic: The Epiphany of the LordTopic: Follow the StarTopic: The Gifts (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)Topic: Mary, Mother of the ChurchTopic: Worship –The Parts of the Mass | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church | In Class: Role play the story of the visit of the MagiAt Home: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The PresentationAt Home: Have participants bring a photo of their Baptism and research the story of their Baptism with family members and godparents.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John Neuman, Saint André Bessette, Saint Raymond of Penyafort |
| 1. **11 Jan 2026**

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | Mt 3:13-17Is 42:1-4, 6-7Acts 10:34-38 | Topic: Baptism of the LordTopic: Baptism in the Sacrament of Christian InitiationTopic: The [Baptism](http://catholichawaii.org/catholic-essentials/sacrament-videos/baptism-one-ohana/)al PromisesTopic: Initiated into the Family of the Holy TrinityTopic: Living as a Christian Disciple | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy6 Christian Living9 [Ecumeni](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWw35GPS4uQ)cal Dialogue | In Class: Have the participants share the story of their baptism showing the pictures they brought.At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the ChurchAt Home: Begin a Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child -[Spiritual Adoption](http://www.spiritualadoption.org/)At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Hilary, Saint Anthony Abbot |
| 1. **18 Jan 2026**

Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeEcumenical SundayMartin Luther King, Jr (Jan 19)Week of prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Jan 22)March for Life in Washington DC (Jan 23) | John 1:29-34Is 49:3, 5-61 Cor 1:1-3 | Topic: The Testimony of John the BaptistTopic: The Holy SpiritTopic: Jesus, the Son of GodTopic: Introduction to Ordinary TimeTopic: The Sacrament of Baptism Topic: Praying for Christian Unity | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy6 Christian Living8 Catholic Church9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Share personal stories of meeting a Christian who is not Catholic –Catholics are Christians.In Class: [Pray for Christian Unity](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.cfm)At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for Christian UnityAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Fabian, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope, Saint Francis de Sales |
| 1. **25 Jan 2026**

Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeWord of God SundayConversion of Saint Paul, Apostle (Jan 25)National Catholic Schools Week (25 Jan to 1 Feb) | Matthew 4:12-23Is 8:23-9:31 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Topic: The Ministry of Jesus in GalileeTopic: “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at Hand”Topic: Come, Be My Disciples!Topic: Fishers of MenTopic: Being a missionary discipleTopic: Called by name by God –priesthood/religious life, marriage or single lifeTopic: Sacraments of Service –Priesthood and MarriageTopic: Ecumenism –Towards Christian Unity | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)5 Conscience9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)10 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class and At Home: Enthrone the Bible as the Word of God to listen to the voice of God in prayer and to discern God’s call In Class: Invite a seminarian, priest or religious and married couple to exemplify the call of Jesus Christ to follow himIn Class: Celebrate the Gift of Life -[March for Life](http://marchforlife.org/)At Home: Pray the Third Luminous Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to ConversionAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Paul, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus (Bishops), Saint Angela Merici, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco |
| 1. **1 Feb 2026**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 Feb)World Day for Consecrated Life (2 Feb) | Matthew 5:1-12aZep 2:3; 3:12-131 Cor 1:26-31 | Topic: The BeatitudesTopic The Rule of Life of ChristiansTopic: The Way of SaintsTopic: The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)8 Catholic Church11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The PresentationIn Class: Role play the beatitudesAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Blaise, Saint Ansgar, Saint Agatha, Saint Paul Miki and Companions |
| 1. **8 Feb 2026**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary TimeWorld Day of the Sick (11 Feb)Our Lady of Lourdes (11 Feb) | Matthew 5:13-16Is 58:7-101 Cor 2:1-5 | Topic: You are Salt of the EarthTopic: You are the Light of the EarthTopic: Let Your Faith ShineTopic: The Light of FaithTopic: Faith in ActionTopic: Be a Witness in Word and Deed | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)8 Catholic Church10 Interpersonal Relationships11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations) | In Class: Pass a bowl with salt around for students to tasteAt Home: Pray the third Glorious Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The Descent of the Holy SpiritAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Scholastica, Our Lady of Lourdes, Saints Cyril (Monk) and Methodius (Bishop) |
| 1. **15 Feb 2026**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ash Wednesday (18 Feb) –Fast and AbstinenceFridays after Ash Wednesday -AbstinenceIslamic: Ramadan (18 Feb) | Matthew 5:17-37Sir 15:15-201 Cor 2:6-10 | Topic: The Ten Commandments –NO to sin is YES to GodTopic: The Greatest in the Kingdom of GodTopic: The Joy of ReconciliationTopic: Healing Broken Relationships | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience6 Christian Living8 Catholic Church10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: A tablet with the Ten CommandmentsIn Class: Do an examination of conscience prayer and invite students to go to Confession (Grades 3-12)At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, Saint Peter Damian |
| 1. **22 Feb 2026**

First [Sunday](https://www.wf-f.org/LaetareSunday.html) of LentOrthodox Lent Begins (Feb 23)World Day of Prayer (March 3)Friday –Abstinence | Matthew 4:1-11Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7Rom 5: 12-19 | Topic: The Temptation of JesusTopic: Led by the SpiritTopic: “Get Away, Satan!”Topic: Catholic Practices -Fast, Pray and Give AlmsTopic: Sacraments of Healing –Reconciliation and Anointing of the SickTopic: Worship and Serve God | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Introduce [The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: Research Charitable organizations for Acts of Charity - [Rice Bowl](http://www.crsricebowl.org/) –Food for the Poor.In Class: Introduce young disciples to the Lenten practices of fasting, praying and almsgivingIn Class: How to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Polycarp, Saint Gregory of Narek |
| 1. **1 Mar 2026**

[Second Sunday of Lent](https://www.wf-f.org/LentSeason.html)Orthodox SundayJewish Purim (3 March) | Matthew 17:1-9Gn 12:1-4a2 Tm 1:8b-10 | Topic: The Transfiguration of JesusTopic: Disciples “Listen to him”Topic: Presence of Jesus with UsTopic: The Real Presence in the Eucharist Topic Do Not Be Afraid | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Invite young disciples to share Lenten family traditions.In Class and Home: Invite young disciples to go to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (3rd grade to adults)In Class: Practicing[The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: How to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Katherine Drexel, Saint Casimir, Perpetua and Felicity  |
| 1. **8 Mar 2026**

Third Sunday of LentDaylight Savings Time BeginsOCIA -1st ScrutinyFriday -Abstinence | John 4:5-42Ex 19:3-7Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Topic: Woman at the WellTopic: Give me to dink!Topic: Life Changing Encounter with Jesus Christ Topic: Spring of Living WaterTopic: Adoration –Praise and Worship the LordTopic: The MessiahTopic: Worship in Spirit and TruthTopic: The Savior of the World | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)  | In Class: Introduce young disciples to Adoration of the Blessed SacramentIn Class: Growing in the love of Christ [The Spiritual Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: Practicing [The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: How to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Frances of Rome |
| 1. **15 Mar 2026**

Fourth Sunday of Lent OCIA -2nd ScrutinySaint Patrick’s Day –March 17Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19 March)Friday –AbstinenceIslamic: Eid-al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) -20 March | John 9:1-411 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 | Topic: The Man Born BlindTopic: Can you see?Topic: The Works of GodTopic: Jesus, the Light of the WorldTopic: Open my Eyes, LordTopic: I was blind and Now I SeeTopic: God Listens PrayersTopic: The Son of ManTopic: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Role play the story of the man born blind In Class: Rejoice! [Laetare Sunday](http://www.fisheaters.com/customslent7.html)In Class: Role play the story of the Man Born BlindIn Class: Growing in the love of Christ [The Spiritual Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: Living [The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: How to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Patrick, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Saint Joseph –Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 1. **22 Mar 2026**

Fifth Sunday of Lent OICA -3rd ScrutinySolemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (25 March) | John 11:1-45Ez 37:12-14Rom 8:8-11 | Topic: The Raising of LazarusTopic: For the Glory of GodTopic: Jesus –the Resurrection and the LifeTopic: Do you believe?Topic: Believe in Jesus Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Role play the Raising of LazarusIn Class: Introduce young disciples to the celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum.In Class: Invite families to participate in the Easter Triduum In Class: Growing in the love of Christ [The Spiritual Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: Living [The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm) to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| 1. **29 Mar 2026**

Sixth Sunday of LentPalm Sunday of the Passion of the LordThursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) –Fast and AbstinenceHoly Saturday (Easter Vigil)Jewish: 1st Day of Passover (1 April)Jewish: 2nd Day of Passover (2 April) | Matthew 26:14-27:66Mt 21:1-11Is 50:4-7Phil 2:6-11 | Topic: The Passion of Jesus ChristTopic: The Betrayal and Denial of JesusTopic: The Sacrament of Holy EucharistTopic: Keep Watch and Pray with JesusTopic: The Price of SalvationTopic: The Way of the CrossTopic: The Triduum | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Map out the places Jesus walked during Holy WeekIn Class: Invite families to participate in the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil) and be prepared to share faith stories next classAt Home: Attend the local diocesan Chrism Mass as family.In Class: Review the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist In Class: Growing in the love of Christ [The Spiritual Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: Introduce[The Corporal Works of Mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/homiletics/works-of-mercy.cfm)In Class: How to go to [Confession](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)In Class: [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study the Pastoral Exhortation on [God’s Gift of Forgiveness](https://www.usccb.org/resources/gods-gift-forgiveness)At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross/) as a family on FridaysAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)At Home: Who of the characters in the Lord’s passion do you identity with? |
| 1. **5 April 2026**

**Solemnity of** [**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**](https://www.wf-f.org/EasterDay.html) Jewish: 7th Day of Passover (7 April)Jewish: 8th Day of Passover (8 April) | John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10Acts 10:34a, 37-43Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 | Topic: The Empty TombTopic: The Resurrection of JesusTopic: Go Tell He is Risen | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)8 Catholic church | In Class: Celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.In Class: Role play the story of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Class: Practice introducing Jesus to others? At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) |
| 1. **12 Apr 2026**

Second Sunday of Easter [Sunday of Divine Mercy](https://www.wf-f.org/DivineMercySunday.html) http://www.drozmonkey.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/divine-mercy.jpgOrthodox EasterJewish: Yom Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) –14 April  | John 20:19-31Acts 2:42-471 Pt 1:3-9 | Topic: “Peace Be with You”Topic: Sent to Proclaim JesusTopic: “Receive the Holy Spirit”Topic: The Sacrament of Penance and ReconciliationTopic: Sacrament of Confirmation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Introduce the Devotion of [The Divine Mercy](http://thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php) At Home: Pray the Devotion of The Divine Mercy as a family during the week.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary)At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Martin |
| 1. **19 Apr 2026**

Third Sunday of Easter Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist -25 April | Luke 24:13-35Acts 2:14, 22-231 Pt 1:17-21 | Topic: On the Road to EmmausTopic: Seven Miles Away from JerusalemTopic: Jesus is risenJesus: Open My Eyes, Lord at the Breaking of BreadTopic: The Mass –“Stay with us” (Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist)Topic: Our Hearts Burning | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Explain to the young disciples that the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In Class: Make a brief visit to the Blessed Sacrament to show young disciples the Tabernacle and talk about the Real Presence. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary)At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Anselm, Saint George, Saint Adalbert, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen |
| 1. **26 Apr 2026**

Fourth Sunday of Easter[World Day of Prayer for Vocations](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm)Ecumenical: May Friendship Day (1 May) | John 10:1-10Acts 2:14a, 36-411 Pt 2:20b-25 | Topic: Jesus, the Good Shepherd Topic: Jesus is the GateTopic: Hearing the Voice of Jesus ChristTopic: The Church is ApostolicTopic: Jesus is my LifeTopic: A Life of VirtueTopic: Jesus is my Friend | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Pray a decade of the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and Holy Matrimony.In Class: Make a gratitude card for your priest to celebrate his vocation.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and Holy Matrimony.At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Peter Chanel, Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Pius V, Saint Joseph the Worker, Saint Athanasius |
| 1. **3 May 2026**

Fifth Sunday of EasterJewish: Lag B’Omer -5 MayNational Day of Prayer (USA) -7 May | John 14:1-12Acts 6:1-71 Pt 2:4-9 | Topic: Mary, our MotherTopic: Have Faith in GodTopic: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the LifeTopic: Life EternalTopic: Living the Works of MercyTopic: Jesus, the Way to the FatherTopic: Knowing Jesus Leads to Mission | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Role play the Gospel passage. In Class: Pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and Glory Be to join in the National Day of Prayer.In Class: Make a Rosary to give to mother next Sunday.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage as a family.At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): What is the favorite [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) story you have read so far? |
| 1. **10May 2026**

Sixth Sunday of EasterMother’s DayOur Lady of Fatima -13 MayFeast of Saint Mathias, Apostle -14 MayAscension of the Lord (Universal Church) -14 May | John 14:15-21Acts 8:5-8, 14-171 Pt 3:15-18 | Topic: Keep My CommandmentsTopic: Living and Knowing the TruthTopic: God is with UsTopic: The Holy Spirit Topic: “The Spirit of Truth”Topic: See with the Eyes of FaithTopic: In Communion with the Holy TrinityTopic: The Holy Trinity | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living8 Catholic Church9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) | In Class: Introduce young disciples to the role of Mary in the life of the Church from the day of Pentecost. In Class: Review the Ten CommandmentsIn Class: Invite young disciples to realize that the Holy Spirit is the Advocate living in them. At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras, Our Lady of Fatima, Saint Isidore  |
| 1. **17May 2026**

Seventh Sunday of EasterUSA: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord World Day for Social CommunicationsJewish: Shavuot (22-23 May) | Matthew 28:16-20Acts 1:1-11Eph 1:17-23(John 17:1-11a in the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, Philadelphia) | Topic: Baptized for MissionTopic: Go Make DisciplesTopic: The Church is in the Hands of JesusTopic: Proclaim and Teach Jesus ChristTopic: Trust in the Lord | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)8 Catholic Church9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Invite the young disciples to share the good news of Jesus Christ with family and friends. In Class: What is one thing you learned about Jesus Christ this year? At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John I, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions, Saint Rita of Cascia  |
| 1. **24May 2026**

Solemnity of Pentecost SundayEighth Week of Ordinary Time Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [Mother of the Church](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/mother-of-the-church) -25 MayMemorial Day -25 MayIslamic: Eid-al-Adha -27 MayFeast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -31 May | John 20:19-23Acts 2:1-111 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Topic: “Peace Be with You”Topic: Rejoice, Jesus is AliveTopic: Called and SentTopic: Receive the Holy SpiritTopic: The Seven Gifts of the Holy SpiritTopic: The Fruits of the Holy SpiritTopic: The Sacrament of Penance and ReconciliationThe Sacrament of ConfirmationTopic: Confirmed for the Mission of Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Enact Acts 2:4In Class: Use any media form to represent the seven gifts of the Holy SpiritAt Home: Make a cake with the seven fruits of the Holy SpiritAt Home: Make a fruit tree.At Home: Invite young disciples to do the *AMS Disciple Challenge* in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) [At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Saint Phillip Neri, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Saint Paul VI |
| 1. **31 May 2026**

Ninth Week in Ordinary Time[Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity](https://www.wf-f.org/TrinitySunday.html) | John 3:16-18 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-92 Cor 13:11-13 | Topic: [Lectio Divina](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/lectio-divina-on-the-meaning-of-a-call) – Praying with the ScripturesTopic: Life EternalTopic: The Son of GodTopic: Faith in the Holy TrinityTopic: Liturgy of the Word | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | At Home: Research the meaning of the name of Jesus. At Home: Parents enthrone the Word of God at home to pray with the Scriptures during the summer. At Home: Parents teach their children how to [pray with the scriptures](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/lectio-divina-on-the-meaning-of-a-call). Resources for the family:* [How to Go to Confession Guide](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/upload/Bulletin-Insert-Penance-ENG.pdf)
* [Examination of Conscience](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience.cfm)
* [God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/upload/Penance-Statement-ENG.pdf)

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| 1. 7 June 2026

Tenth Week in Ordinary TimeUSA: [Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)](https://www.wf-f.org/CorpusChristi.html) Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle -11 JuneSolemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus -12 JuneMemorial of the Immaculate Sacred Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary -13 June | John 6:51-58 Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a1 Cor 10:16-17 | Topic: The Living BreadTopic: Sacrament of the Holy EucharistTopic: Adoration of the Blessed SacramentTopic: The Body and Blood of Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living | At Home: Parents help their children know, understand and live according to the Ten Commandments by attending Mass as a family and showing love and respect to all. At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Ephrem, Saint Anthony of Padua |
| 45 Sundays  |  | 45 Formation Hours |  | AMS Minimum is 30 Hours |

THEMES FOR THE SUMMER INTO THE FALL

Faith formation is a life-long process. The following topics are offered for those who wish to provide catechetical moments for families over the summer months. You are encouraged to consider the topics as opportunities to create a family/community Vacation Bible Study experience.

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| Date | Lesson/Theme | Key Element | Standard | Prayers/Activity |
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| 1. **14 Jun 2026**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary TimeIslamic New Year: Muharram -16 JuneJuneteenth –June 19 | Matthew 9:36-10:8Ex 19:2-6aRm 5:6-11 | Topic: Missionary Discipleship –Getting InvolvedTopic: Witnesses of Jesus ChristTopic: The Twelve ApostlesTopic: On Mission for Jesus ChristTopic: The KerygmaTopic: Become a missionary disciple: Practice the Works of Mercy | 8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching)14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Research the stories of Catholic missionaries and discuss their role to bring Jesus Christ to others. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for AMS MissionariesAt Home: Learn the names of the twelve apostles.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Romuald |
| 1. **21 Jun 2026**

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFather’s DaySolemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist -24 June | Matthew 10:26-33Jer 20:10-13Rom 5:12-15 | Topic: The Grace of MartyrdomTopic: Courageous WitnessTopic: Be Not AfraidTopic: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)8 Catholic Church14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Celebrate Father’s DayAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for fathers.At Home: Take family on pilgrimage to a nearby parish, monastery, or shrine to show children where the baptismal font, the confessional and the Blessed Sacrament are located. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Paulinus of Nola, Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Saint Cyril of Alexandria |
| 1. **28 Jun 2026**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeSolemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles -29 JuneThe First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church -30 JuneFeast of Saint Thomas, Apostle – 3 JulyIndependence Day -4 July | Matthew 10:37-422 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16aRom 6:3-4, 8-11 | Topic: Discipleship -Living the Baptismal PromisesTopic: The Gift HospitalityTopic: Welcoming Missionary DisciplesTopic: The Seven Sacraments for Missionary Discipleship | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Create an opportunity for the family to serve others.At Home: Talk about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the various settings.At Home: Parents teach the 7 Sacraments to their children at home.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for those in need. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Junipero Serra, Saint Thomas Apostle |
| 1. **5 July 2026**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 11:25-30Zec 9:9-10Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Topic: The Prayer of PraiseTopic: Jesus Reveals the FatherTopic: Finding Rest in Jesus ChristTopic: Talk to Jesus About Your Worries | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | At Home: Learn the Glory Be as a prayer of praising God.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for military families.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Maria Goretti, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Saint Benedict Abbot |
| 1. **12 July 2026**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Mount Carmel -16 June | Matthew 13:1-23Is 55:10-11Rom 8:18-23 | Topic: Planting Seeds of FaithTopic: The Parable of the SowerTopic: The Privilege of Discipleship | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 Sacred Scripture5 Conscience6 Christian Living9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) | At Home: Create a skit about the parable of the sower and discuss the types of soil.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the Church.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Henry, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Saint Bonaventure, Saint Camillus de Lellis |
| 1. **19 July 2026**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of Saint Mary Magdalene -22 JulyFeast of Saint James, Apostle -25 JulyJewish: Tisha B’Av -23 July | Matthew 13:24-43Wis 12:13, 16-19Rom 8:26-27 | Topic: What is a parable?Topic: Building the Kingdom of God through the Church: One, Holy, Catholic and ApostolicTopic: Good vs. EvilTopic: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like….Topic: The Parable of the Weeds | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 Sacred Scripture8 Catholic Church | At Home: Identify the four marks of the Church in the Creed –One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.At Home: Discuss the parable of the weeds. At Home: Parents teach children how to make the sign of the cross and its significance for Christians.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for peace.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Apollinaris, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Bridget, Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Saint James Apostle |
| 1. **26 July 2026**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeWorld Day for grandparents and ElderlyMemorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus -29 JulyMemorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola -31 JulyMemorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori -1 Aug | Matthew 13:44-52 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12Rom 8:28-30 | Topic: The Joy of Finding Kingdom of GodTopic: Finding God in Daily LifeTopic: The Family Builds the Kingdom of GodTopic: The Mass is a Taste of Heaven | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/) 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | At Home: Review the parts of the MassAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the sick, the poor and those who are in prison and purgatory.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Alphonsus Liguori |
| 1. **2 Aug 2026**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeDedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (5 August)Feat of the Transfiguration of the Lord -6 August | Matthew 14:13-21Is 55:1-3Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Topic: “Five Loaves and two fishes”Topic: The Liturgy of the Holy EucharistTopic: Divine ProvidenceTopic: Jesus Alone Satisfies | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | At Home: Dedicate family time to go to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the grace to recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John Vianney, Saint Sixtus II and Companions, Saint Cajetan, Saint Dominic |
| 1. **9 Aug 2026**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr -10 AugustMemorial of Saint Clare, Virgin -11 AugustSolemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not Obligation) -15 Aug | Matthew 14:22-331 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13aRom 9:1-5 | Topic: Jesus PraysTopic: Jesus, I Trust in YouTopic: “Lord, Save Me”Topic: The Gift of FaithTopic: Keep Your Faith Strong | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Discuss being faithful to Jesus Christ by being active in the life of the Church.At Home: Role play walking on the water. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for couples in the sacrament of holy matrimony.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Lawrence, Saint Clare, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Saints Pontian, Saint Hippolytus, Saint Maximilian Kolbe |
| 1. **16 Aug 2026**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary TimeMemorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary -22 Aug | Matthew 15:21-28Is 56:1, 6-7Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Topic: “Lord, Help Me”Topic: The Faith of the Canaanite WomanTopic: The Sacraments of Healing | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) | In Class: Share a personal testimony of faith. At Home: Go to Confession as a family. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the sick.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John Eudes, Saint Bernard, Saint Pius X |
| 1. **23 Aug 2026**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle -24 AugMemorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist -29 Aug | Matthew 16:13-20Is 22:19-23Rom 11:33-36 | Topic: The Confession of Faith of PeterTopic: Who Is Jesus?Topic: The Conditions for DiscipleshipTopic: The MessiahTopic: “Upon this Rock I will Build my Church”Topic: The Keys of HeavenTopic: Peter, Keeper of the KeysTopic: The Four Marks of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)8 Catholic Church9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) 11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Identify and discuss the four marks of the Church.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for catechists.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Bartholomew Apostle, Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Saint Monica, Saint Augustine |
| 1. **30 Aug 2026**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeWorld Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation -1 Sept | Matthew 16:21-27Jer 20:7-9Rom 12:1-2 | Topic: Walking with Jesus to JerusalemTopic: The Way of GodTopic: Following Jesus ChristTopic: The Disciple of Jesus Topic: Living the Sacraments as Disciples of JesusTopic: Take up your Cross to Follow JesusTopic: The Virtues of a Missionary Disciple | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Exemplify following Jesus by sharing the story of a saint.In Class: Share what it means for you to follow Christ in the ministry of catechist in the Church.In Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector & children’s choir.At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for missionary disciples.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Gregory the Great, Saint Teresa of Calcutta |
| 1. **6 Sept 2026**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeLabor Day -7 SeptFeast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -8 SeptMost Holy Name of Mary -12 SeptJewish: Rosh Hashana -12-13 Sept | Matthew 18:15-20Ez 33:7-9Rom 13:8-10 | Topic: Conflict ResolutionTopic: Sin Blurs the Image of GodTopic: “How often must I forgive?”Topic: Merciful like the FatherTopic: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience6 Christian Living10 Interpersonal Relationships  | In Class: Discuss Jesus way to resolve conflictAt Home: Share personal stories above forgiving others. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) government leaders.At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Peter Claver |
| 1. **13 Sept 2026**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeJewish: Rosh Hashana -2nd DayFeast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -14 SeptMemorial of Our Lady of Sorrows -15 Sept | Matthew 18:21-35Sir 27:30-28:7Rom 14:7-9 | Topic: “How often must I forgive?”Topic: Merciful like the FatherTopic: Sacrament of Penance and ReconciliationTopic: “Be Patient with Me”Topic: Have Compassion  | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)10 Interpersonal Relationships12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Role play the parable of the unforgiving servant At Home: Enthrone the CrossAt Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the unity and sanctity of the familyAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Cornelius, Saint Cyprian, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Januarius |
| 1. **20 Sept 2026**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary TimeFeast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist -21 SeptJewish: Yom Kippur -21 SeptNative American Day -25 SeptJewish: Succot -26-27 Sept  | Matthew 20:1-16aIs 55:6-9Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Topic: The Mission of the Church is to EvangelizeTopic: The Last Shall be First and the First Shall be LastTopic: Created in God’s ImageTopic: The Dignity of the BaptizedTopic: Rights and Responsibilities of Workers Topic: The Generous Heart of Jesus | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Make a Rosary to use to pray in class during the month of October and at home with parentsAt Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the unity and sanctity of the familyAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Pius of Pietrelcina, Saint Cosmas and Damian |
| 1. **27Sept 2026**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary TimeJewish: Succott, 2nd DayFeast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael –Archangels -29 SeptMemorial the Holy Guardian Angels -2 OctJewish: Shemini Atzeret -3 Oct | Matthew 21:28-32Ez 18:25-28Phil 2:1-11 | Topic: Doing God’s WillTopic: Listening to God’s WillTopic: Jesus Saves Sinners Topic: Belief in Jesus Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)8 Catholic Church9 [Ecumenical Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Role play the parable of the two sonsIn Class: Teach the pray to the Guardian AngelAt Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the unity and sanctity of the familyAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Saint Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus |
| 1. **4 Oct 2026**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary TimeRespect Life SundayEcumenical: World Communion Sunday Jewish: Simchat ToraMemorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – 7 OctColumbus Day -9 Oct | Matthew 21:33-43Is 5:1-7Phil 4:6-9 | Topic: The Cornerstone of the ChurchTopic: Go make disciplesTopic: Produce FruitsTopic: The Four Marks of the ChurchTopic: Growing in Faith, Hope and Love | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)8 Catholic Church11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Role play the parable of the tenantsIn Class: Explore the four marks of Church as identified in the Nicene Creed in light of the gospel passage.At Home: Set-up a family altar with preferred image of Mary, Mother of God, to pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Faustina Kovalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Saint Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Saint Denis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi |
| 1. **11 Oct 2026**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary TimeIndigenous People’s Day -12 OctColumbus Day -12 Oct | Matthew 22:1-14Is 25:6-10aPhil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Topic: Come to Mass –“Come to the Feast”Topic: Show Your Faith with GratitudeTopic: The Kingdom of God is like…Topic: You are ChosenTopic: The Wedding Feast | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)8 Catholic Church14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Help young disciples identify their important role in Mass. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Callistus I, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Ignatius of Antioch |
| 1. **18 Oct 2026**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary TimeWorld Mission SundayEcumenical: Laity Sunday | Matthew 22:15-21Is 45:1, 4-61 Thes 1:1-5b | Topic: We belong to GodTopic: Created in God’s ImageTopic: The Baptized Belong to GodTopic: Tithing Supports the Mission of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Help young disciples see the value of tithing to support the mission of the Church. At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions, Saint Paul of the Cross, Saint John Paul II, Saint John of Capistrano, Saint Anthony Mary Claret |
| 1. **25 Oct 2026**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reformation DayFeast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles -28 Oct | Matthew 22:34-40Ex 22:20-261Thes 1:5c-10 | Topic: The greatest commandmentTopic: At the Crossroad of LoveTopic: Love of God and of Neighbor Topic: Love and the Ten CommandmentsTopic: Call to Holiness | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)5 Conscience6 Christian Living13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)  | In Class: Identify love in the Ten Commandments In Class: Invite young disciples to come dressed as favorite saint next classAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and loveAt Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Simon and Jude Apostles |
| 1. **1 Nov 2026**

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary TimeSolemnity of All Saints The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) -2 NovEcumenical: World Community Day -6 NovNational Vocations Awareness Week -1 to 8 Nov | Matthew 5:1-12aRev 7:2-4, 9-141 Jn 3:1-3 | Topic: Living the BeatitudesTopic: Living a Life of VirtueTopic: The Corporal Works of MercyTopic: Call to be Saint | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)6 Christian Living7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | At Home: Who is your favorite saint and why?In Class: Help Confirmation candidates discern the saint name or understand the virtues of the saint chosenAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and marriage. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Martin de Porres, Saint Charles Borromeo |
| 1. **8 Nov 2026**

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeEcumenical: Stewardship SundayFeast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -9 NovVeteran’s Day -11 Nov | Matthew 25:1-13Wis 6:12-161 Thes 4:13-18 | Topic: Receive the Light of ChristTopic: What are you doing with the gifts (talents) of the Holy Spirit?Topic: The Holy Oils | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Role play the parable of the ten virginsIn Class: Discuss the significance of the Holy Oils consecrated by the Archbishop at the Chrism MassAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and marriage. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Leo the Great, Saint Martin of Tours, Saint Josaphat, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini |
| 1. **15 Nov 2026**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary TimeThe Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles -18 NovMemorial of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary -21 Nov | Matthew 25: 14-30Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-311 Thes 5:1-6 | Topic: What are you doing with the gifts (talents) of the Holy Spirit?Topic: Stewards of God’s TreasuresTopic: The Faithful Disciple of Jesus ChristTopic: Be Faithful to GodTopic: What is your talent?Topic: What does a faithful Catholic look like? | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Role play the parable of the talentsIn Class: Help young disciples identify their gifts and talents to serve the communityAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and marriage. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Margaret of Scotland, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne |
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| 1. **22 Nov 2026**

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeSolemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the UniverseEcumenical: Bible SundayThanksgiving Day -26 Nov | Matthew 25: 31-46Ez 34:11-12, 15-171 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Topic: Jesus sits at the Right Hand of the FatherTopic: The Corporal Works of MercyTopic: The Pre-Requisites for Eternal LifeTopic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the UniverseTopic: Jesus, Remember MeTopic: Heirs of the Kingdom of GodTopic: Preferential Option for the PoorTopic: The Rule of Love | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)8 Catholic Church12 [Catholic Social Teaching](https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching) | In Class: Role play the gospel about the judgment of the nationsIn Class: Invite young disciples to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy during the weekAt Home: Enthrone the Bible on the family altarAt Home: Review the corporal works of mercyAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and marriage. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Clement I, Saint Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Saint Catherine of Alexandria |
| 1. **29 Nov 2026**

First Sunday of AdventCycle Year B BeginsFeast of Saint Andrew, Apostle -30 NovJewish: Hannukah (8-day festival begins at sundown) -4 Dec | Mk 13:33-37Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-71 Cor 1:3-9 | Topic: Stay Awake! Jesus is Coming!Topic: Watch!Topic: God, the loving FatherTopic: Awake in Prayer | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Introduce the Liturgical Calendar and create an Advent Wreath for prayer In Class: Invite young disciples in grades 3-12 to go to Confession At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for peace in the life of families. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Andrew the Apostle, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint John Damascene |
| 1. **6 Dec 2026**

Second Sunday of AdventSolemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation) -8 DecOur Lady of Loreto -10 DecFeast of Our Lady of Guadalupe -12 Dec | Mk 1:1-8Is 40:1-5, 9-112 Pt 3:8-14 | Topics: Clean Hearts for JesusTopic: John the BaptistTopic: Fulfillment of the Old TestamentTopic: Baptism and ConfessionTopic: Prepare the Way for the LordTopic: The Holy Spirit Sanctifies | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)4 Liturgy5 Conscience | At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the sanctity of families. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Ambrose, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Saint Damasus I |
| 1. **13 Dec 2026**

Third Sunday of AdventGaudete Sunday | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28Is 61:1-2a, 10-111 Thes 5:16-24 | Topic: John the Baptist –A man of faithTopics: John the Baptist –The Messenger and WitnessTopic: Rejoice in the WaitingTopic: Patience -The Absence of the Gloria in AdventTopic: “Make Straight the Way of the Lord”Topic: Jesus, Son of God | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)4 Liturgy8 Catholic Church13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Finding the perfect giftIn Class: Prepare one line to introduce Jesus to othersAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for joy in families. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) John of the Cross |
| 1. **20 Dec 2026**

Fourth Sunday of AdventSolemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas -Holyday of Obligation) -25 DecFeast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr -26 Dec | Lk 1:26-382 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16Rom 16:25-27 | Topic: The AnnunciationTopic: The Angelus (Collect from the Mass)Topic: Mary, Mother of GodTopic: “The Lord is with you”Topics: The Birth of JesusTopic: Mary and Joseph -Trust in GodTopic: All is possible with GodTopic: The Fiat of MaryTopic: What does Emmanuel mean? | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)4 Liturgy7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)10 Interpersonal Relationships14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Celebrate the upcoming birth of JesusIn Class: Share stories of Christmas family traditionsAt Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for the Church. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Peter Canisius, Saint John of Kanty |
| 1. **27 Dec 2026**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and JosephFeast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs -28 DecWorld Day of Prayer for Peace -1 Jan | Lk 2:22-40Sir 3:2-6, 12-14Col 3:12-21Year BLk 2:22-40Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Topic: The Holy Family Topic: The PresentationTopic: Consecrated to the LordTopic: “My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”Topic: Growing in Wisdom and Grace of GodTopic: Witness of JesusTopic: The Word Became FleshTopic: The Fourth Commandment |  | At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for homeless families. At Home: Parents are invited to do the *AMS Family Moment* located in the Challenges tab, do the daily activities, play a Game, watch a Video, play Songs, or learn about the Saints with their children in the [*AMS Family Witness to Christ*](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login)[At Home](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login): Read about the life of [Saint](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/07/05.html) Thomas Becket, Saint Sylvester I |
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**Areas for Consideration in Strategic Planning**

**Adult Faith Formation (*Directory for Catechesis*, 77)**

* The AMS Thematic Calendar is a tool for you to consider having adult faith formation, bible study or some form of faith sharing for parents and adults in general while youth and children are in religious education. The standards and indicators in the Adult Catechesis segment will help guide faith formation with adults.
* Adults, youth and children could be learning the same topic so that they can talk about their learning experience on their way home, at dinner table or during family time.
* The themes can also be reinforced by the priest in the homily.
* [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/) and [CDU](https://cdu.edu/group-subsidy/#military) provide quality faith formation courses online for adults.

[**AMS Family Witness to Christ**](https://amsfamilywitness.catholicbrain.com/login) **powered by CatholicBrain.com**

* A tool to support family faith growth throughout the year.
* Start with the AMS Family Moment located in the Challenges tab (June-March).
* Explore the Daily Activities and all the faith resources for the family.
* The AMS Disciple Challenge will help parents asses children’s progress (April-May)
* The tool is designed for the family to grow in faith together.
* The Archdiocese provides an account for each of the installations with a unique code for families to sign up for free.

[**Family Catechesis**](https://www.milarch.org/curriculum-guide/) **(*Directory for Catechesis*, 226-231)**

* Equip parents with the AMS Family Witness to Christ to access resources.
* Faith formation preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation ([Baptism](https://www.milarch.org/celebrating-baptism-in-the-ams/), [Confirmation](https://www.milarch.org/celebrating-confirmation-in-the-ams/) and [Eucharist](https://www.milarch.org/celebrating-eucharist-in-the-ams/)) is integral to the [AMS Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization](https://www.milarch.org/curriculum-guide/): Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide. See Standard 3 on the Sacraments and Standard 4 on the Liturgy for all grade levels.
* Regardless of sacramental preparation, parent meetings are vital. Major feasts of the church are a great time to do Catholic faith community wide catechesis: the weekend after Christmas, Easter; the weekend of Pentecost. Include a Meet and Greet gathering in the beginning of the year. Prayer and orientation to the AMS Family Witness to Christ should be part of the agenda.
* Schedule gatherings with the whole family throughout the year to pray, share faith and information and celebrate as a community.

[**Catechist Training and Certification**](https://www.milarch.org/catechist-certification/) **(*Directory for Catechesis*, 110-113;** [***Antiquum Ministerium***](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20210510_antiquum-ministerium.html)**)**

* Catechists are required to take one five-week course or two three-week seminars through VLCFF and one course or one seminar with CDU to meet the requirement for AMS Basic Catechist Certification.
* The 14 Standards are a guiding tool for catechist faith formation.
* There are courses online for each of the 14 Standards. See the correlation to VLCFF and CDU courses for guidance.
* Other opportunities for catechist in-service may be the weekend before class start (to go over the expectations for the catechetical year), the weekend before Advent (to plan the season) and the weekend before Lent (to plan the season). Do you want to have special celebrations during these important liturgical seasons?

[**Leadership Development in Catechesis**](https://www.milarch.org/leadership-development/)

* The communication, collaboration and consultation between the priest and the lay catechetical leader will model team work for the catechists and families in the program.
* The ministry of the catechetical leader is valuable and vital for the success of the faith formation program.
* Consider enrolling in the Certificate in Catechesis Program through [CDU](https://cdu.edu/group-subsidy/#military) or [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/).
* Consider attending the [LA Religious Education Congress](https://recongress.org/), the National Community of Catechetical Leaders conference ([NCCL](https://www.ncclcatholic.org/)), or [Saint John Bosco Conference](https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/sjb/) at Steubenville University. The local civilian diocese may have workshops, conferences or retreat days you may want to attend. Find opportunities to nurture your spiritual life and to strengthen your skills in evangelization and catechesis.