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 Time  Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Aug 15 | Luke 12:32-48  Wis 18:6-9  Heb 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 Service  Topic: Stewards of God’s Treasures  Topic: Faithful Servants  Topic: Vigilant and Faithful Servants  Topic: Seek the Road to Heaven | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  6 Christian Living  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  8 Catholic Church  12 [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 others  At 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 12:49-53  Jer 38:4-6, 8-10  Heb 12:1-4 | Topic: The Work for Christian Unity  Topic: Unity vs Division  Topic: Unity in Diversity  Topic: The Voices in the Peripheries -The Beatitudes  Topic: For or Against Jesus | 5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  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)  10 Interpersonal Relationships  13 [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 week  At 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 Heaven  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, Saint Rose of Lima |
| 1. **24 Aug 2025**   Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist –Aug 29  [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 5 Courses End  Access Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 13:22-30  Isaiah 66:18-21  Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Topic: Open the Door of Your Heart to Jesus  Topic: Strive for Heaven  Topic: God’s Saving Love  Topic: The Narrow Door  Topic: [Jesus](https://aleteia.org/2018/01/03/what-does-the-name-jesus-mean/) = God Saves  Topic: 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 Christians  At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for youth and children  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) Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Saint Monica, Saint Augustine |
| 1. **31 Aug 2025**   Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  World Day of [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-care-creation-0) for the Care of Creation –Sept 1  Labor Day –Sept 1 | Luke 14:1, 7-14  Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Topic: Faith Etiquette  Topic: Companions at the Table  Topic: Be Humble  Topic: Inviting the Peripheries  Topic: The Four Marks of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  6 Christian Living  8 Catholic Church  10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Help young disciples with ways to conduct themselves in Mass and how to receive the Holy Eucharist with reverence  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) Gregory the Great |
| 1. **7 Sept 2025**   Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Sept 8  The Most Holy Name of Mary –Sept 12  [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 6 Courses Start  Access Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 14:25-33  Wis 9:13-18b  Philm 9-10, 12-17 | Topic: Pray to Discern to Follow Jesus  Topic: The Disciples of Jesus Pray Always  Topic: The Joy of Following Jesus  Topic: 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 Initiation  In 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 Be  At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) as a family for vocations  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, Saint John Chrysostom |
| 1. **14 Sept 2025**   Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross –Sept 14  Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows –Sept 15 | John 3:13-17  Nm 21:4b-9  Phil 2:6-11 | Topic: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  Topic: The Promise of Eternal Life  Topic: Jesus Died on the Cross  Topic: God’s Love  Topic: 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 Liturgy  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: 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 Time  Catechetical Sunday –Commissioning of the Catechists and Blessing of Parents  Jewish: Rosh Hashana, 1st Day –Sept 23  Jewish: Rosh Hashana, 2nd Day –Sept 24 | Luke 16:1-13  Am 8:4-7  1 Tim 2:1-8 | Topic: Stewards of God’s Truth, Beauty and Goodness  Topic: Love God Above all Else  Topic: [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) Keeps US Honest with God  Topic: Be Trustworthy With All You Do  Topic: Attention to Detail in the Spiritual Life | 5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  10 Interpersonal Relationships  12 [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 prudence  In Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector, usher and choir  At 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 authority  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) Pius of Pietrelcina, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Saint Vincent de Paul |
| 1. **28 Sept 2025**   Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels –Sept 29  Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels -Oct 2  Jewish: Yom Kippur –Oct 2 | Luke 16:1-13  Am 6:1a, 4-7  1 Tim 6:11-16 | Topic: Strive for Heaven  Topic: Finding God in the Peripheries  Topic: The Chasm Between Heaven and Hell  Topic: 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 Conscience  6 Christian Living | In Class: Enact the story of the rich man and Lazarus  At Home: Pray the prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel  In 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 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) Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Francis of Assisi |
| 1. **5 Oct 2025**   Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  Ecumenical World Communion Sunday  Respect Life Sunday  Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary –Oct 7  Jewish: Succot, 1st Day –Oct 7  Jewish: Succot, 2nd Day –Oct 8  Indigenous People’s Day -Oct 11 | Luke 17:5-10  Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4  2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 | Topic: Lord, Increase the Gift of Faith in Me  Topic: Nurturing the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love  Topic: 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 Conscience  6 Christian Living  14 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 October  In 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 love  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) Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Saint Dennis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi, Saint John XXIII |
| 1. **12 Oct 2025**   Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Columbus Day –Oct 13  Jewish: Shemini Atzeret –Oct 14  Jewish: Simchat Torah –Oct 15  Feast of Saint Luke, the Evangelist –Oct 18  [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 6 Courses End  Access Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 17:11-19  2 Kings 5:14-17  2 Tm 2:8-13 | Topic: Show Your Faith with Gratitude  Topic: Be Grateful and Generous to Jesus  Topic: Glorify God  Topic: Give Thanks to God  Topic: 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 religions  At 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 Time  Laity Sunday  World Missions Sunday | Luke 18:1-8  Ex 17:8-13  2 Tim 3:14—4:2 | Topic: God Always Hears Our Prayers  Topic: Pray Always  Topic: The Gift of Faith | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  7 [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 answered  At 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 Time  Ecumenical Reformation Day  Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles –Oct 28  Solemnity of All Saints –Nov 1 (not a day of obligation this year)  [VLCFF](https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/) Cycle 7 Courses Start  Access Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Luke 18:9-14  Sir 35:12-14, 16-18  2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 | Topic: Be Humble Before the Lord  Topic: ‘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 Liturgy  7 [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 world  In Class: Invite students to come to church dressed as their favorite saint next Sunday  At Home: Share with children the story behind their given name  At 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 Time  The 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) -Sunday  National Vocations Awareness Week –Nov 2-9  Ecumenical World Community Day -Nov 7 | John 6:37-40  Wisdom 3:1-9  Romans 6:3-9 | Topic: Raised on the Last Day  Topic: The Will of the Father  Topic: The Resurrection and Eternal Life  Topic: Paying for the Faithful Departed  Topic: The Sacrament of the Anointing pf the Sick  Topic: The Sacrament of Holy Orders | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](http://vcat.org/sacraments/)  4 Liturgy  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  8 Catholic Church | In Class: A parade of saints  At Home: Who is your favorite saint and why?  In Class: Pray for the faithful departed  At 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 Time  Feast of the Dedication of the [Lateran Basilica](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html) –Sunday  Stewardship Sunday  Veterans’ Day –Nov 11 | John 2:13-22  Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Topic: The Death and Resurrection of the Lord  Topic: Jesus, the New Temples  Topic: Be a Temple of the Holy Spirit  Topic: The Temple -A House of Prayer  Topic: The Domestic Church  Topic: House of God  Topic: Be a Sign of Hope | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](http://vcat.org/sacraments/)  4 Liturgy  7 [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 Time  Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles –Nov 18  Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary –Nov 21 | Luke 21:5-19  Mal 3:19-20a  2 Thes 3:7-12 | Topic: The End Times  Topic: Witness of Jesus Christ  Topic: The Persecution of Christians  Topic: Persevere in Faith  Topic: The Name of Jesus | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  8 Catholic Church  10 Interpersonal Relationships  14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Prepare in anticipation of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  At 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 Time  Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, [King of the Universe](https://www.usccb.org/christtheking)  Bible Sunday  Thanksgiving Day -Nov 27 | Luke 23:35-43  2 Sm 5:1-3  Col 1:12-20 | Topic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe  Topic: The King of the Jews  Topic: The Messiah of God  Topic: The Innocent  Topic: Jesus, Remember Me  Topic: Jesus is the Lord | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  5 Conscience  7 [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 Universe  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) 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 End  Access Code to sign up for courses through [Catholic International University](https://catholiciu.edu/partnerships/) is CDU15MILITARY | Mt 24:37-44  Isaiah 2:1-5  Rom 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 Liturgy  7 [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 Posadas  At Home: Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent Wreath  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) Francis Xavier, Saint John Damascene, Saint Nicholas |
| 1. **7 Dec 2025**   Second Sunday of Advent  Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Dec 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)  Feast of Our Lady of Loreto -Dec 10  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe -Dec 12 | Mt 3:1-12  Isaiah 11:1-10  Rom 15:4-9 | Topics: Clean Hearts for Jesus  Topic: John the Baptist Preached Repentance  Topic: Baptism and Confession  Topic: “Prepare the Way of the Lord”  Topic: What is sin?  Topic: Baptism with the Holy Spirit and Fire  Topic: 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 Liturgy  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  8 Catholic Church | In Class: Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta  In Class: Christmas around the world  In Class: Advent in the Liturgical Calendar  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 Posadas  At Home: Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent Wreath  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) Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Saint Damasus, Saint Lucy |
| 1. **14 Dec 2025**   Third Sunday of Advent  Gaudete Sunday | Mt 11:2-11  Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  Jas 5:7-10 | Topic: Go Out to Proclaim the Good News  Topic: John the Baptist –A man of faith  Topics: John the Baptist –The Messenger  Topic: Rejoice and Wait  Topic: 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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church | In Class: Discuss the meaning of the candles in the Advent Wreath  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 Posadas  At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) around the Advent Wreath  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) |
| 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 26  Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist -Dec 27 | Mt 1:18-24  Isaiah 7:10-14  Rom 1:1-7 | Topics: The Birth of Jesus  Topic: The Angelus (Collect from the Mass)  Topic: Trust in God  Topic: The Virgin Mary Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit  Topic: Emmanuel, God is with Us  Topic: The Annunciation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  4 Liturgy  10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Celebrate the birth of Jesus  At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) in thanksgiving for God’s saving love  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 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, 19-23  Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  Col 3:12-21 | Topic: The Holy Family’s Flight to Egypt  Topic: The Angel of the Lord  Topic: 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 2:1-12  Is 60:1-6  Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 | Topic: The Epiphany of the Lord  Topic: Follow the Star  Topic: The Gifts (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)  Topic: Mary, Mother of the Church  Topic: 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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church | In Class: Role play the story of the visit of the Magi  At Home: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The Presentation  At 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 3:13-17  Is 42:1-4, 6-7  Acts 10:34-38 | Topic: Baptism of the Lord  Topic: Baptism in the Sacrament of Christian Initiation  Topic: The [Baptism](http://catholichawaii.org/catholic-essentials/sacrament-videos/baptism-one-ohana/)al Promises  Topic: Initiated into the Family of the Holy Trinity  Topic: Living as a Christian Disciple | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  6 Christian Living  9 [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 Church  At 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 Time  Ecumenical Sunday  Martin 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 1:29-34  Is 49:3, 5-6  1 Cor 1:1-3 | Topic: The Testimony of John the Baptist  Topic: The Holy Spirit  Topic: Jesus, the Son of God  Topic: Introduction to Ordinary Time  Topic: 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 Liturgy  6 Christian Living  8 Catholic Church  9 [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 Unity  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) Fabian, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope, Saint Francis de Sales |
| 1. **25 Jan 2026**   Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  Word of God Sunday  Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle (Jan 25)  National Catholic Schools Week (25 Jan to 1 Feb) | Matthew 4:12-23  Is 8:23-9:3  1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Topic: The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee  Topic: “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at Hand”  Topic: Come, Be My Disciples!  Topic: Fishers of Men  Topic: Being a missionary disciple  Topic: Called by name by God –priesthood/religious life, marriage or single life  Topic: Sacraments of Service –Priesthood and Marriage  Topic: Ecumenism –Towards Christian Unity | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  5 Conscience  9 [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 him  In 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 Conversion  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, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus (Bishops), Saint Angela Merici, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco |
| 1. **1 Feb 2026**   Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 Feb)  World Day for Consecrated Life (2 Feb) | Matthew 5:1-12a  Zep 2:3; 3:12-13  1 Cor 1:26-31 | Topic: The Beatitudes  Topic The Rule of Life of Christians  Topic: The Way of Saints  Topic: The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple | 2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  8 Catholic Church  11 [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 Presentation  In Class: Role play the beatitudes  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) Blaise, Saint Ansgar, Saint Agatha, Saint Paul Miki and Companions |
| 1. **8 Feb 2026**   Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  World Day of the Sick (11 Feb)  Our Lady of Lourdes (11 Feb) | Matthew 5:13-16  Is 58:7-10  1 Cor 2:1-5 | Topic: You are Salt of the Earth  Topic: You are the Light of the Earth  Topic: Let Your Faith Shine  Topic: The Light of Faith  Topic: Faith in Action  Topic: Be a Witness in Word and Deed | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  8 Catholic Church  10 Interpersonal Relationships  11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations) | In Class: Pass a bowl with salt around for students to taste  At Home: Pray the third Glorious Mystery of the [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary): The Descent of the Holy Spirit  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) 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 Abstinence  Fridays after Ash Wednesday -Abstinence  Islamic: Ramadan (18 Feb) | Matthew 5:17-37  Sir 15:15-20  1 Cor 2:6-10 | Topic: The Ten Commandments –NO to sin is YES to God  Topic: The Greatest in the Kingdom of God  Topic: The Joy of Reconciliation  Topic: Healing Broken Relationships | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  8 Catholic Church  10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: A tablet with the Ten Commandments  In 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 Lent  Orthodox Lent Begins (Feb 23)  World Day of Prayer (March 3)  Friday –Abstinence | Matthew 4:1-11  Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  Rom 5: 12-19 | Topic: The Temptation of Jesus  Topic: Led by the Spirit  Topic: “Get Away, Satan!”  Topic: Catholic Practices -Fast, Pray and Give Alms  Topic: Sacraments of Healing –Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick  Topic: Worship and Serve God | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  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) | 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 almsgiving  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 Fridays  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) Polycarp, Saint Gregory of Narek |
| 1. **1 Mar 2026**   [Second Sunday of Lent](https://www.wf-f.org/LentSeason.html)  Orthodox Sunday  Jewish Purim (3 March) | Matthew 17:1-9  Gn 12:1-4a  2 Tm 1:8b-10 | Topic: The Transfiguration of Jesus  Topic: Disciples “Listen to him”  Topic: Presence of Jesus with Us  Topic: 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 Liturgy  7 [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 Fridays  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) Katherine Drexel, Saint Casimir, Perpetua and Felicity |
| 1. **8 Mar 2026**   Third Sunday of Lent  Daylight Savings Time Begins  OCIA -1st Scrutiny  Friday -Abstinence | John 4:5-42  Ex 19:3-7  Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Topic: Woman at the Well  Topic: Give me to dink!  Topic: Life Changing Encounter with Jesus Christ  Topic: Spring of Living Water  Topic: Adoration –Praise and Worship the Lord  Topic: The Messiah  Topic: Worship in Spirit and Truth  Topic: The Savior of the World | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos) | In Class: Introduce young disciples to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  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: 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 Fridays  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) Frances of Rome |
| 1. **15 Mar 2026**   Fourth Sunday of Lent  OCIA -2nd Scrutiny  Saint Patrick’s Day –March 17  Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19 March)  Friday –Abstinence  Islamic: Eid-al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) -20 March | John 9:1-41  1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  Eph 5:8-14 | Topic: The Man Born Blind  Topic: Can you see?  Topic: The Works of God  Topic: Jesus, the Light of the World  Topic: Open my Eyes, Lord  Topic: I was blind and Now I See  Topic: God Listens Prayers  Topic: The Son of Man  Topic: 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 Liturgy  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  7 [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 Blind  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: 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 Fridays  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) Patrick, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Saint Joseph –Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 1. **22 Mar 2026**   Fifth Sunday of Lent  OICA -3rd Scrutiny  Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (25 March) | John 11:1-45  Ez 37:12-14  Rom 8:8-11 | Topic: The Raising of Lazarus  Topic: For the Glory of God  Topic: Jesus –the Resurrection and the Life  Topic: Do you believe?  Topic: Believe in Jesus Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  4 Liturgy  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Role play the Raising of Lazarus  In 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 Fridays  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) Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| 1. **29 Mar 2026**   Sixth Sunday of Lent  Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  Thursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)  Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) –Fast and Abstinence  Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)  Jewish: 1st Day of Passover (1 April)  Jewish: 2nd Day of Passover (2 April) | Matthew 26:14-27:66  Mt 21:1-11  Is 50:4-7  Phil 2:6-11 | Topic: The Passion of Jesus Christ  Topic: The Betrayal and Denial of Jesus  Topic: The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist  Topic: Keep Watch and Pray with Jesus  Topic: The Price of Salvation  Topic: The Way of the Cross  Topic: 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 Liturgy  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers) | In Class: Map out the places Jesus walked during Holy Week  In 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 class  At 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 Fridays  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: 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 28:1-10  Acts 10:34a, 37-43  Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 | Topic: The Empty Tomb  Topic: The Resurrection of Jesus  Topic: 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.jpg  Orthodox Easter  Jewish: Yom Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) –14 April | John 20:19-31  Acts 2:42-47  1 Pt 1:3-9 | Topic: “Peace Be with You”  Topic: Sent to Proclaim Jesus  Topic: “Receive the Holy Spirit”  Topic: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation  Topic: Sacrament of Confirmation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  11 [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 24:13-35  Acts 2:14, 22-23  1 Pt 1:17-21 | Topic: On the Road to Emmaus  Topic: Seven Miles Away from Jerusalem  Topic: Jesus is risen  Jesus: Open My Eyes, Lord at the Breaking of Bread  Topic: 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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church  14 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 10:1-10  Acts 2:14a, 36-41  1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Topic: Jesus, the Good Shepherd  Topic: Jesus is the Gate  Topic: Hearing the Voice of Jesus Christ  Topic: The Church is Apostolic  Topic: Jesus is my Life  Topic: A Life of Virtue  Topic: Jesus is my Friend | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  8 Catholic Church  10 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 Easter  Jewish: Lag B’Omer -5 May  National Day of Prayer (USA) -7 May | John 14:1-12  Acts 6:1-7  1 Pt 2:4-9 | Topic: Mary, our Mother  Topic: Have Faith in God  Topic: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life  Topic: Life Eternal  Topic: Living the Works of Mercy  Topic: Jesus, the Way to the Father  Topic: Knowing Jesus Leads to Mission | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  8 Catholic Church  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: 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 Easter  Mother’s Day  Our Lady of Fatima -13 May  Feast of Saint Mathias, Apostle -14 May  Ascension of the Lord (Universal Church) -14 May | John 14:15-21  Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  1 Pt 3:15-18 | Topic: Keep My Commandments  Topic: Living and Knowing the Truth  Topic: God is with Us  Topic: The Holy Spirit  Topic: “The Spirit of Truth”  Topic: See with the Eyes of Faith  Topic: In Communion with the Holy Trinity  Topic: The Holy Trinity | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  8 Catholic Church  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: Introduce young disciples to the role of Mary in the life of the Church from the day of Pentecost.  In Class: Review the Ten Commandments  In 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 Easter  USA: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  World Day for Social Communications  Jewish: Shavuot (22-23 May) | Matthew 28:16-20  Acts 1:1-11  Eph 1:17-23  (John 17:1-11a in the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, Philadelphia) | Topic: Baptized for Mission  Topic: Go Make Disciples  Topic: The Church is in the Hands of Jesus  Topic: Proclaim and Teach Jesus Christ  Topic: Trust in the Lord | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  8 Catholic Church  9 [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 Sunday  Eighth 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 May  Memorial Day -25 May  Islamic: Eid-al-Adha -27 May  Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -31 May | John 20:19-23  Acts 2:1-11  1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Topic: “Peace Be with You”  Topic: Rejoice, Jesus is Alive  Topic: Called and Sent  Topic: Receive the Holy Spirit  Topic: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit  Topic: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit  Topic: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation  The Sacrament of Confirmation  Topic: 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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church  11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)  14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Enact Acts 2:4  In Class: Use any media form to represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit  At Home: Make a cake with the seven fruits of the Holy Spirit  At 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, 8-9  2 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 Scriptures  Topic: Life Eternal  Topic: The Son of God  Topic: Faith in the Holy Trinity  Topic: 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)   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) Justin, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Saint Boniface, Saint Norbert |
| 1. 7 June 2026   Tenth Week in Ordinary Time  USA: [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 June  Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus -12 June  Memorial of the Immaculate Sacred Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary -13 June | John 6:51-58  Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a  1 Cor 10:16-17 | Topic: The Living Bread  Topic: Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist  Topic: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  Topic: The Body and Blood of Christ | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  5 Conscience  6 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 Time  Islamic New Year: Muharram -16 June  Juneteenth –June 19 | Matthew 9:36-10:8  Ex 19:2-6a  Rm 5:6-11 | Topic: Missionary Discipleship –Getting Involved  Topic: Witnesses of Jesus Christ  Topic: The Twelve Apostles  Topic: On Mission for Jesus Christ  Topic: The Kerygma  Topic: Become a missionary disciple: Practice the Works of Mercy | 8 Catholic Church  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 | 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 Missionaries  At 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 Time  Father’s Day  Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist -24 June | Matthew 10:26-33  Jer 20:10-13  Rom 5:12-15 | Topic: The Grace of Martyrdom  Topic: Courageous Witness  Topic: Be Not Afraid  Topic: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  8 Catholic Church  14 Missionary Discipleship | At Home: Celebrate Father’s Day  At 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 Time  Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles -29 June  The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church -30 June  Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle – 3 July  Independence Day -4 July | Matthew 10:37-42  2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a  Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 | Topic: Discipleship -Living the Baptismal Promises  Topic: The Gift Hospitality  Topic: Welcoming Missionary Disciples  Topic: 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 11:25-30  Zec 9:9-10  Rom 8:9, 11-13 | Topic: The Prayer of Praise  Topic: Jesus Reveals the Father  Topic: Finding Rest in Jesus Christ  Topic: 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 13:1-23  Is 55:10-11  Rom 8:18-23 | Topic: Planting Seeds of Faith  Topic: The Parable of the Sower  Topic: The Privilege of Discipleship | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 Sacred Scripture  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  9 [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 Time  Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene -22 July  Feast of Saint James, Apostle -25 July  Jewish: Tisha B’Av -23 July | Matthew 13:24-43  Wis 12:13, 16-19  Rom 8:26-27 | Topic: What is a parable?  Topic: Building the Kingdom of God through the Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic  Topic: Good vs. Evil  Topic: The Kingdom of Heaven is Like….  Topic: The Parable of the Weeds | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 Sacred Scripture  8 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 Time  World Day for grandparents and Elderly  Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus -29 July  Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola -31 July  Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori -1 Aug | Matthew 13:44-52  1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12  Rom 8:28-30 | Topic: The Joy of Finding Kingdom of God  Topic: Finding God in Daily Life  Topic: The Family Builds the Kingdom of God  Topic: 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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church  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: Review the parts of the Mass  At 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 Time  Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (5 August)  Feat of the Transfiguration of the Lord -6 August | Matthew 14:13-21  Is 55:1-3  Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Topic: “Five Loaves and two fishes”  Topic: The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist  Topic: Divine Providence  Topic: Jesus Alone Satisfies | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  7 [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 Time  Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr -10 August  Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin -11 August  Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not Obligation) -15 Aug | Matthew 14:22-33  1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  Rom 9:1-5 | Topic: Jesus Prays  Topic: Jesus, I Trust in You  Topic: “Lord, Save Me”  Topic: The Gift of Faith  Topic: 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 Liturgy  6 Christian Living  7 [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 Time  Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary -22 Aug | Matthew 15:21-28  Is 56:1, 6-7  Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Topic: “Lord, Help Me”  Topic: The Faith of the Canaanite Woman  Topic: The Sacraments of Healing | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  7 [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 Time  Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle -24 Aug  Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist -29 Aug | Matthew 16:13-20  Is 22:19-23  Rom 11:33-36 | Topic: The Confession of Faith of Peter  Topic: Who Is Jesus?  Topic: The Conditions for Discipleship  Topic: The Messiah  Topic: “Upon this Rock I will Build my Church”  Topic: The Keys of Heaven  Topic: Peter, Keeper of the Keys  Topic: The Four Marks of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  8 Catholic Church  9 [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 Time  World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation -1 Sept | Matthew 16:21-27  Jer 20:7-9  Rom 12:1-2 | Topic: Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem  Topic: The Way of God  Topic: Following Jesus Christ  Topic: The Disciple of Jesus  Topic: Living the Sacraments as Disciples of Jesus  Topic: Take up your Cross to Follow Jesus  Topic: The Virtues of a Missionary Disciple | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church  11 [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 Time  Labor Day -7 Sept  Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -8 Sept  Most Holy Name of Mary -12 Sept  Jewish: Rosh Hashana -12-13 Sept | Matthew 18:15-20  Ez 33:7-9  Rom 13:8-10 | Topic: Conflict Resolution  Topic: Sin Blurs the Image of God  Topic: “How often must I forgive?”  Topic: Merciful like the Father  Topic: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  4 Liturgy  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  10 Interpersonal Relationships | In Class: Discuss Jesus way to resolve conflict  At 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 Time  Jewish: Rosh Hashana -2nd Day  Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -14 Sept  Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows -15 Sept | Matthew 18:21-35  Sir 27:30-28:7  Rom 14:7-9 | Topic: “How often must I forgive?”  Topic: Merciful like the Father  Topic: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation  Topic: “Be Patient with Me”  Topic: Have Compassion | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  6 Christian Living  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  10 Interpersonal Relationships  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: Role play the parable of the unforgiving servant  At Home: Enthrone the Cross  At 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 family  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 |
| 1. **20 Sept 2026**   Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist -21 Sept  Jewish: Yom Kippur -21 Sept  Native American Day -25 Sept  Jewish: Succot -26-27 Sept | Matthew 20:1-16a  Is 55:6-9  Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Topic: The Mission of the Church is to Evangelize  Topic: The Last Shall be First and the First Shall be Last  Topic: Created in God’s Image  Topic: The Dignity of the Baptized  Topic: 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 parents  At 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 family  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) Pius of Pietrelcina, Saint Cosmas and Damian |
| 1. **27Sept 2026**   Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Jewish: Succott, 2nd Day  Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael –Archangels -29 Sept  Memorial the Holy Guardian Angels -2 Oct  Jewish: Shemini Atzeret -3 Oct | Matthew 21:28-32  Ez 18:25-28  Phil 2:1-11 | Topic: Doing God’s Will  Topic: Listening to God’s Will  Topic: 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 Church  9 [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 sons  In Class: Teach the pray to the Guardian Angel  At 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 family  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) Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Saint Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus |
| 1. **4 Oct 2026**   Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  Respect Life Sunday  Ecumenical: World Communion Sunday  Jewish: Simchat Tora  Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – 7 Oct  Columbus Day -9 Oct | Matthew 21:33-43  Is 5:1-7  Phil 4:6-9 | Topic: The Cornerstone of the Church  Topic: Go make disciples  Topic: Produce Fruits  Topic: The Four Marks of the Church  Topic: Growing in Faith, Hope and Love | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  8 Catholic Church  11 [Vocation Discernment](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations)  14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Role play the parable of the tenants  In 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 love  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) 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 Time  Indigenous People’s Day -12 Oct  Columbus Day -12 Oct | Matthew 22:1-14  Is 25:6-10a  Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Topic: Come to Mass –“Come to the Feast”  Topic: Show Your Faith with Gratitude  Topic: The Kingdom of God is like…  Topic: You are Chosen  Topic: The Wedding Feast | 3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  8 Catholic Church  14 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 love  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, Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Ignatius of Antioch |
| 1. **18 Oct 2026**   Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  World Mission Sunday  Ecumenical: Laity Sunday | Matthew 22:15-21  Is 45:1, 4-6  1 Thes 1:1-5b | Topic: We belong to God  Topic: Created in God’s Image  Topic: The Baptized Belong to God  Topic: Tithing Supports the Mission of the Church | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  3 [Sacraments](https://www.milarch.org/sacraments-in-the-ams/)  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  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: 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 love  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 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 Day  Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles -28 Oct | Matthew 22:34-40  Ex 22:20-26  1Thes 1:5c-10 | Topic: The greatest commandment  Topic: At the Crossroad of Love  Topic: Love of God and of Neighbor  Topic: Love and the Ten Commandments  Topic: Call to Holiness | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  5 Conscience  6 Christian Living  13 [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 class  At Home: Pray the Holy [Rosary](https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary) for an increase of faith, hope and love  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) Simon and Jude Apostles |
| 1. **1 Nov 2026**   Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  Solemnity of All Saints  The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) -2 Nov  Ecumenical: World Community Day -6 Nov  National Vocations Awareness Week -1 to 8 Nov | Matthew 5:1-12a  Rev 7:2-4, 9-14  1 Jn 3:1-3 | Topic: Living the Beatitudes  Topic: Living a Life of Virtue  Topic: The Corporal Works of Mercy  Topic: Call to be Saint | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  6 Christian Living  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) | 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 chosen  At 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 Time  Ecumenical: Stewardship Sunday  Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica -9 Nov  Veteran’s Day -11 Nov | Matthew 25:1-13  Wis 6:12-16  1 Thes 4:13-18 | Topic: Receive the Light of Christ  Topic: 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 Church  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: Role play the parable of the ten virgins  In Class: Discuss the significance of the Holy Oils consecrated by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass  At 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 Time  The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles -18 Nov  Memorial of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary -21 Nov | Matthew 25: 14-30  Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  1 Thes 5:1-6 | Topic: What are you doing with the gifts (talents) of the Holy Spirit?  Topic: Stewards of God’s Treasures  Topic: The Faithful Disciple of Jesus Christ  Topic: Be Faithful to God  Topic: 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 Church  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: Role play the parable of the talents  In Class: Help young disciples identify their gifts and talents to serve the community  At 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 Time  Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  Ecumenical: Bible Sunday  Thanksgiving Day -26 Nov | Matthew 25: 31-46  Ez 34:11-12, 15-17  1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Topic: Jesus sits at the Right Hand of the Father  Topic: The Corporal Works of Mercy  Topic: The Pre-Requisites for Eternal Life  Topic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe  Topic: Jesus, Remember Me  Topic: Heirs of the Kingdom of God  Topic: Preferential Option for the Poor  Topic: The Rule of Love | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  8 Catholic Church  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: Role play the gospel about the judgment of the nations  In Class: Invite young disciples to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy during the week  At Home: Enthrone the Bible on the family altar  At Home: Review the corporal works of mercy  At 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 Advent  Cycle Year B Begins  Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle -30 Nov  Jewish: Hannukah (8-day festival begins at sundown) -4 Dec | Mk 13:33-37  Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  1 Cor 1:3-9 | Topic: Stay Awake! Jesus is Coming!  Topic: Watch!  Topic: God, the loving Father  Topic: Awake in Prayer | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  4 Liturgy  7 [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 Advent  Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation) -8 Dec  Our Lady of Loreto -10 Dec  Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe -12 Dec | Mk 1:1-8  Is 40:1-5, 9-11  2 Pt 3:8-14 | Topics: Clean Hearts for Jesus  Topic: John the Baptist  Topic: Fulfillment of the Old Testament  Topic: Baptism and Confession  Topic: Prepare the Way for the Lord  Topic: 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 Liturgy  5 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 Advent  Gaudete Sunday | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  1 Thes 5:16-24 | Topic: John the Baptist –A man of faith  Topics: John the Baptist –The Messenger and Witness  Topic: Rejoice in the Waiting  Topic: Patience -The Absence of the Gloria in Advent  Topic: “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 Liturgy  8 Catholic Church  13 [Interreligious Dialogue](https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/videos)  14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Finding the perfect gift  In Class: Prepare one line to introduce Jesus to others  At 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 Advent  Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas -Holyday of Obligation) -25 Dec  Feast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr -26 Dec | Lk 1:26-38  2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  Rom 16:25-27 | Topic: The Annunciation  Topic: The Angelus (Collect from the Mass)  Topic: Mary, Mother of God  Topic: “The Lord is with you”  Topics: The Birth of Jesus  Topic: Mary and Joseph -Trust in God  Topic: All is possible with God  Topic: The Fiat of Mary  Topic: What does Emmanuel mean? | 1 [Creed](http://vcat.org/creed/)  2 [Sacred Scripture](http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/)  4 Liturgy  7 [Prayer](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers)  10 Interpersonal Relationships  14 Missionary Discipleship | In Class: Celebrate the upcoming birth of Jesus  In Class: Share stories of Christmas family traditions  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) Peter Canisius, Saint John of Kanty |
| 1. **27 Dec 2026**   Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs -28 Dec  World Day of Prayer for Peace -1 Jan | Lk 2:22-40  Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  Col 3:12-21  Year B  Lk 2:22-40  Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3  Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Topic: The Holy Family  Topic: The Presentation  Topic: Consecrated to the Lord  Topic: “My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation”  Topic: Growing in Wisdom and Grace of God  Topic: Witness of Jesus  Topic: The Word Became Flesh  Topic: 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.