

Third Grade Syllabus

Adventure Catechism – 2026-2027

Format for all chapters in Adventure Catechism

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September

9/14 or 9/15 – Supper Club Meet and Greet

9/28 or 9/29 **Chapters 28 & 29 - Learning to Pray & Prayer Focus**

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Lord’s Prayer
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Prayer? (Monstrance)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Prayer? 6:10
- **Activity:** My Our Father Crossword



October

3rd & 4th Grade Mass - October 25th, 9:00 Mass

10/5 or 10/6 **Chapters 4 & 5 – The Blessed Trinity & God Becomes Man**

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Glory Be
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Dot-to-dot Holy Spirit
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Original Sin? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Names of Jesus scratch activity – as students scratch off the different names discuss them



10/12 or 10/13 – Supper Club

10/19 or 10/20 Learn how to pray the Rosary (Chapter 30), led by Mrs. Canfield

10/26 or 10/27 **Chapter 10 – Pentecost and the Holy Spirit**

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Tarcisius (Tar-sis-e-us)
Saint Video: YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5j7b1WtB7A (6:05)
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** St. Tarcisius
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Who is the Holy Spirit? – 7:58
- **Activity:** Make a Holy Spirit Bookmark with different symbols



November

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – November 22nd, 9:00 Mass

11/2 or 11/3 Chapter 11 –The Catholic Church

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Church** – Tabernacle, Paten, Host
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Church made up of people
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Catholic Church? – 8:00
- **Activity:** Go to church – find items relating to Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick

11/9 or 11/10 – Supper Club

11/16 or 11/17 Circle of Grace with Kathy & Advent/Liturgical year 2nd half of Class – info to follow

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Church** - vestments
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Mary Says “Yes” coded phrase
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Advent? – 7:20
- **Activity:** Use Liturgical Calendar to fill out Our Church Year worksheet. Discuss questions to ask priest next week, when learning about Holy Orders



11/23 or 11/24 Chapter 12 – Service in the Church

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Nicene Creed
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Color by numbers/Holy Order coloring page
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders? – 7:28
- **Activity** – Fr. Mike to visit and answer questions came up with last class. Have each student write something they would like their peers’ prayers for. Anonymously read them one at a time, pausing for students to respond “Lord, hear our prayer”



11/30 or 12/1 Chapter 13 – The Domestic Church

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Juan Diego
Saint Video: Formed/Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego | Littlest Saints (15:00)
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Domestic Church Dot-to-dot & St. Juan Diego Maze
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Matrimony? – 5:47
- **Activity:** Discuss the prayer tree activity. Each student should say a prayer for the person they get from the prayer tree.

December

12/7 or 12/8 – Supper Club

12/14 or 12/15 Chapter 3 – The Holy Bible & Gaudete Sunday

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Church** – The different books used during Mass
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Dot-to-dot/What is the Bible
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What Is the Bible? – 8:04
- **Activity:** Rejoice! Riddle (Gaudete Sunday) Worksheet. Back to hall last 20 minutes for Diocesan Inventory



12/21 or 12/22 Chapters 15 & 16 – The Communion of Saints & Angels

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Church** – Chalice, Cruets, Sanctuary Lamp
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Communion of Saints (Draw faces)? and How we Celebrate...
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Communion of Saints? – 5:53
- **Activity:** Saints Bingo.



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January

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – January 3rd, 9:00 Mass

1/4 or 1/5 “The Church” Movie – Whole Grade

1/11 or 1/12 Chapters 17 & 18 – Saved by Grace Through Faith & The Seven Sacraments

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Nicene Creed
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What are the Sacraments Matching
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Sacraments? – 8:47
- **Activity:** Go to church – find items relating to Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick



1/18 or 1/19 – Supper Club

1/25 or 1/26 Chapter 19 – Baptism

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Thomas Aquinas
Saint Video – YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3yJOMbd7vA> (3:00)
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Baptism; Draw a picture of yourself
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Baptism? – 5:44
- **Activity:** Go to church – find items relating to Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick & Jesus was Baptized Puzzle



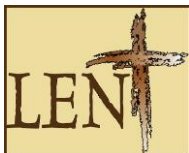
February

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – February 28th, 9:00 Mass

2/1 or 2/2 - Supper Club – Who was St. Valentine? Write Valentine Cards

2/8 or 2/9 Chapter 20: The Holy Eucharist & Lent

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month: Church** – Stations of the Cross, Sacristy, Altar
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is the Eucharist?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Eucharist? – 7:11
- **Activity:** Go to Church - find items relating to Eucharist & Lent



2/22 or 2/23 Chapter 21 –The Holy Mass

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month:** Prayer – Glory Be
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Jesus is Present
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Mass – 10:03
- **Activity:** Go to Church - find items relating to the Mass



March

3/1 or 3/2 Chapter 22 – Reconciliation

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month:** Church – Cry Room, Pews, Holy water
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What is Penance?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Confession? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Go to Church - find items relating to Reconciliation & Jesus Forgives Peter worksheet

3/8 or 3/9 - Supper Club – What is the Paschal Mystery & Write Easter cards



3/15 or 3/16 Chapters 23 & 24 – The Ten Commandments & The Greatest Commandment

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month:** Saint – St. Lucy
Saint Video: YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZbKwSBMnOE> (7:00)
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Greatest Commandment word search/Two Greatest Commandments?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Two Great Commandments? – 7:00
- **Activity:** Recite Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries



3/22 or 3/23 Holy Week and Easter

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month:** Church – Holy Oils, Paschal Candle, Confessional
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** Paschal Mystery worksheet
- **Activity:** Confession? Jesus' last days

3/29 or 3/30 Chapters 25 & 26 – The Beatitudes & A Life of Virtue

- **Prayer/Parts of the Church/Saint of the month:** Church – altar cloth, candles, chalice
- **Coloring Page/Worksheet:** What are the Beatitudes & What are Virtues?
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Beatitudes? and What are the Virtues? 7:28
- **Activity:** A Change of Heart – Will send you info week before class



April

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – April 11th, 9:00 Mass



4/5 or 4/6 - Supper Club

4/12 or 4/13 Inventory & Game Day.....Last Class

