

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
POSSIBLE DOCTRINAL TOPICS FOR
LITURGICALLY-BASED CATECHESIS
YEAR C

First Sunday of Advent	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	Advent; Parousia; Son of Man; Liturgical Year
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Immaculate Conception of Mary
Second Sunday of Advent	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6	Salvation; Redemption; Conversion; Eschatology
Third Sunday of Advent	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18	Repentance; Kingdom of God; Justice
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45	Jesus Christ: Fully Human and Fully Divine Incarnation; Conversion; Human Life – Sacredness of
Christmas	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14	Incarnation; Salvation; Manifestation
Holy Family	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	Domestic Church; Family as church of the home
Mary, Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	Mary's role as disciple; Mary, Mother of God; Mary as model of the Church
Epiphany	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	Epiphany; Manifestation; Christology
Baptism of the Lord	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	Baptism; Trinity; Holy Spirit
Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lent; Conversion; Paschal Mystery; Reconciliation
First Sunday of Lent (*The First Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Therefore, these weeks of immediate preparation, take on a different character for the Elect. Catechetical sessions should consist more of interior reflection than catechetical instruction. (cf. RCIA, no. 139)	Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13	Conversion; Sin; Paschal Mystery; Reconciliation *Election – for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil

Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite for Candidates)	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36	Cross; Conversion; Paschal Mystery
Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9	Repentance; Kingdom; Image of God
Cycle A – First Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.) You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect.	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	Grace and Sin Baptism Personal Sin Jesus the Messiah
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Sacrament of Penance; Grace; Sin
Cycle A – Second Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.) You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect.	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	Conversion; Sin – personal and corporate Baptism
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11	Forgiveness; Redemption; Reconciliation
Cycle A – Third Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.) You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect.	Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45	Paschal Mystery; Eternal Life; Baptism; Cross
Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)	Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49	Cross; Paschal Mystery; Redemptive suffering
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Eucharist –bread and wine; Washing of Feet; Covenant; Service; Charity; Triduum
Good Friday	Is 52:13 - 53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1 - 19:42	Cross; Redemptive Suffering; Christology
Easter Vigil/Easter	Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12	Resurrection; Paschal Mystery; Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist Creation; Salvation history; Christian Witness
Second Sunday of Easter <i>The Easter Season is dedicated to Mystagogy for the neophytes and the entire community of faith. It is a time when the Christian community deepens their understanding of the Paschal Mystery.</i>	Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31	Death/Resurrection/Paschal Mystery; Sacraments; Mystery of the Church; Faith
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14	Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist Eucharist: source and summit of Christian life, mission, Sacrament; Symbols of water, oil, bread and wine; Christian witness

Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30	Martyrs; Redemptive Suffering Divinity of Christ
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35	The two Great Commandments/law of love; Mystery of the Church; Sacraments; Confirmation symbols: laying on of hands/oil
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29	Passion/Death/Resurrection/sending of the Spirit Holy Spirit; Trinity; Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the sick
Ascension	Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26	Ascension; Christology; Trinity; Holy Spirit; Sacraments: Holy Orders, Marriage
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26	Pentecost; Ministry in the Church; Sacraments; Evangelization
Trinity Sunday	Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15	Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit; Image of God; Faith
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ	Gn 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17	Eucharist; Evangelization; Eucharist as forgiveness of Sins; Eucharist as Body of Christ
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11	Christology; revelation; New Covenant/Old Covenant; Church; Mary as icon of Church
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21	Sacramentality; Discipleship; Word of God
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 Lk 4:21-30	Christology; Justice; Conversion; Mission; Salvation; Word of God
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11	Discipleship; Conversion; Evangelization; Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26	Morality; Moral Decision-Making; Justice

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Lk 6: 27-38	Reconciliation; penance; Morality
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 27: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45	Conscience (moral decision making) Morality Forgiveness
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 8: 41-43 Gal 1: 1-2, 6-10 Lk 7: 1-10	Ecumenism; Faith; Evangelization; Image of God
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 17:17-24 Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-17	Christology; God's mercy; Forgiveness and compassion; Grace
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50	Eucharist; Conversion; Repentance; Sin
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24	Cross; Suffering; The cost of discipleship
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62	Paschal Mystery; Christian witness; Suffering; Non-violence
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 66:10-14c Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9	Evangelization; Faith and trust; Service; Community/assembly/Church
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37	Ecumenism; Justice; Christology; Trinity
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42	Service; Prayer; Word of God; Hospitality
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13	Baptism; Paschal Mystery; Prayer; Trust; Image of God
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21	God the Father; Baptism; Trinity
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40	Faith; Paschal Mystery; Reign of God (present and future) Cross; Eschatology
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53	Cross; Cost of Discipleship; Salvation

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30	Salvation; Evangelization; Reign of God
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14	Theology of Eucharist; Justice; Discipleship; Morality; Sin; Trust
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33	Holy Spirit; Kingdom of God; Moral life
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10	Morality; Reconciliation; Mercy; Forgiveness; Images of God
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13	Stewardship; Kingdom of God; Justice; Discipleship; Apostolic action
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31	Social Justice; Morality; Kingdom of God
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10	Faith; Kingdom of God; Christian Witness
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19	Conversion; Salvation; Sacrament of the Sick - healing Faith; Grace
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8	Prayer; Justice; Grace; Faith
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14	Morality; Conversion; Kingdom of God; Discipleship; Judgment of God
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10	Salvation; Eschatology; Kingdom of God; Repentance; Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38	Resurrection of the just; Scripture interpretation; Life after death
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19	Last judgment; Hell; Heaven; Salvation
Christ, the King	2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	Jesus Christ- King of the Universe; Kingdom of God; Eschatology; Salvation