

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

First Sunday of Advent	Is: 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2b-7 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37	Advent; the Second Coming Parousia; Liturgical Year
Second Sunday of Advent	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1: 1-8	Confession of Sins; Jesus' coming - past, present, future Conversion Nonviolence
Third Sunday of Advent	Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5: 16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28	Discernment; Repentance & Reconciliation; Discipleship; Eschatology
Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16: 25-27 Lk 1: 26-38	Incarnation; Mary, Model of the Church Faith; Reign of God
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Dec. 25)	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14	Incarnation; Salvation; Christology
Holy Family	Gn 15: 1-6; 21:1-3 Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2: 22-40 or 22: 39-40	Christian Family; Manifestation; Salvation; Family as church of the home Fourth Commandment
Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1)	Nm 6: 22-27 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	Mary's Role as Disciple; Mary, Mother of God; Theotokos; Salvation
Second Sunday After Christmas	1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:41+17b / John 1:35-42	Sexual Morality; Holy Spirit; Evangelization; Discipleship; 'Lamb of God'
Epiphany	Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	Universal Offer of Salvation; Ecumenism; Missiology; Christology
Baptism of the Lord	Is 55: 1-11 1 Jn 5: 1-9 Mk 1:7-11	Baptism & Mission; Trinity; Holy Spirit; Conversion; Sacraments
Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lent; Conversion; Fasting; Abstinence; 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. Sessions for the Elect should consist more of interior reflection than catechetical instruction.) (cf. RCIA, no. 139)	Gn 9: 8-15 1 Pt 3: 18-22 Mk 1:12-15	Baptismal Covenant; Season of Lent; Sin; Grace; Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving *Election – for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil
Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite for Candidates)	Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31b-34 Mk 9: 2-10	Sacrifice; Nonviolence; Call of Baptism; Paschal Mystery
Third Sunday of Lent	Ex 20: 1-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25	Faith as a Gift; Grace & Sin; Social Dimension of Sin; Baptism
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	2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23 Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21	Original Sin and Social Sin; Sin: Personal and Corporate; Conversion; Election
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	Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33	Paschal Mystery in the Sacraments; Eternal Life; Soteriology; Jesus the Christ
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
Palm (Passion) Sunday	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15, 47	Paschal Mystery; Cross; Christ’s Obedience; Passion & Death of Jesus; Redemptive Suffering Gift of Perseverance
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Eucharist: Bread and Wine; Washing of Feet; Priesthood; Servant Leader; Cross; Triduum; Christology;
Good Friday	Is 52:13 - 53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1 - 19:42	Cross; Redemptive Suffering; Paschal Mystery
Easter Vigil/Easter	1.Gn 1:1-2:2 2.Gn 22:1-18 3.Ex 14:15-15:1 4.Is 54:5-14 5.Is 55:1-11 6.Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 7.Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 8.Rom 6:3-11 9.Lk 24:1-12	Resurrection; Paschal Mystery Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist; Community; Fire/Light/Water/Oil

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 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31	The Challenge of Peace; Paschal Mystery; Social Teaching; Two Great Commandments; Divine Mercy
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48	Evangelization; Eucharist; Christ Present in the Liturgy
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18	Jesus the Good Shepherd; Trinity; Sacramentality; Faith; Grace
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8	The Church as Body of Christ; Mystery of the Church; Service and Servanthood; Evangelization
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17	Love, the Soul of an Apostolate; Moral Living; Justice; Baptism; Confirmation, Eucharist; Penance; Anointing of the Sick
Ascension	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-2 or 4: 1-13 Mk 16: 15-20	Ascension; Christology; Trinity; Discipleship; Holy Orders, Marriage
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17:11b-19	Call; Choosing of Matthias; Indwelling of God Who is Love; Meaning of 'Holy'
Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23	Pentecost; Holy Spirit & Confirmation; Ministry in the Church; Symbols of the Church; Laying of Hands
Trinity Sunday	Dt 4; 3-34, 39-40 Rom 8: 14-17 Mt 28: 16-20	Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit; Paschal Mystery; Images of God
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Ex 24: 3-8 Heb 9: 11-15 Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26	Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; Eucharist; Eucharist as forgiveness of Sins; Symbols of Bread and Wine; Corpus Christi
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42	Vocation; Paschal Mystery; Christology; Conversion
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20	Sin and Repentance; Conversion; Discipleship; Jesus Christ as Teacher, Healer, Son of God

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 18: 15-20 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28	Jesus as Prophet, Teacher and Lord; Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation; Human Dignity; Ecumenism
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39	Evil; Salvation; Mystery of Suffering; Ministry of Healing
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 13: 1-2, 45-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11, 1 Mk 1: 40-45	Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; Healing; Dignity of the Human Person
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 2 Cor 1: 18-22 Mk 2: 1-12	Sacrament of Reconciliation; Social Justice; Reign of God
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22 2 Cor 3: 1b-6 Mk 2:18-22	God's Fidelity; Trust in Spirit; Fasting
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 5: 12-15 2 Cor 4: 6-11 Mk 2: 23 - 3: 6	Keeping the Sabbath; New Creation; The Lord's Day
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 3:9-15 2 Cor 4: 13- 5: 1 Mk 3: 20-35	Sin / Alienation; God as Judge; Who Is Jesus? Blasphemy Against Holy Spirit
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 17:22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mk 4: 26-34	Church; Faith; Hope; Final Judgment; Reign of God; Hope; Evangelization; Conversion
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jb 38: 1, 8-11 2 Cor 5: 14-17 Mk 4: 35-41	Call; Faith; Paschal Mystery; Prayer; Grace & Human Freedom; Vocation in God; Servanthood; Life of John the Baptist; Resurrection of Christ
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5: 21-43	Sanctity & Dignity of Human Life; Resurrection; Healing; Reign of God
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6: 1-6	Prophecy; Prophets; Christology; Conversion; Mystery of Suffering; Paschal Mystery
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6:7-13	Election and Mission; Baptismal Call: Priest, Prophet, King; Hospitality; Sacraments; Symbols
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23: 1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6: 30-34	Pastoral Ministry in the Church; Prayer-action-contemplation; Evangelization; Liturgy of the Word; Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 4: 42-44 Eph 4: 1-6 Jn 6: 1-15	Unity of the Church and Ecumenism; Eucharist; Jesus, the Bread of Life; Justice, Social Teaching
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15 Eph 4: 17, 20-24 Jn 6: 24-35	Eucharistic Celebration; Hope and Trust; Jesus, the Messiah; Eschatological Reign of God
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19: 4-8 Eph 4:30 – 5: 2 Jn 6: 41-51	Eucharist as Sacrifice and Sacrament; Moral Decision Making; Discipleship; Conversion
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Prv 9: 1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 Jn 6: 51-58	The Continuing Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; Symbols of Bread and Wine; Holy Spirit; Genesis of the Church
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5: 21-32 Jn 6: 60-69	Faith; Liturgy: Word of God; Salvation; Reign of God
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Principles of Morality; Scripture; Church Structure; Commandments
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 35: 4-7a Jas 2: 1-5 Mk 7: 31-37	Catholic Social Teaching; Healing; Sacraments of Healing & Reconciliation; Ministry of the Word
Twenty-Fourth Sunday I Ordinary Time	Is 50: 5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8: 27-35	Profession of Faith; Paschal Mystery; Cross; Mystery of Suffering; Christian Witness
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 2: 12, 17-20 Jas 3: 16 - 4, 3 Mk 9:30-37	The Call to Service; Servanthood; Ministry; Nonviolence; The Cross
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nm 11: 25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Catholic Social Teaching (Economic); Dignity of Human Persons; Vatican II Teachings on Non-Christians; Christian Community; Peace & Unity
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 2: 18-24 Heb 2: 9-11 Mk 10: 2-16	Marriage, Divorce and Annulment; Creation; Kingdom of God; Christian Family; Paschal Mystery
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4: 12-13 Mk 10: 17-30	Word of God/Revelation; Justice; Preferential Option for the Poor; Moral Teaching; Beatitudes

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10: 35-45	Redemption by Christ's Suffering; Service; Way of the Cross; Christology; Salvation; Soteriology
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 31: 7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52	Holy Orders; The Common Priesthood of the Baptized; Conversion; Discipleship; The Mission and Reign of Christ
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7: 23-28 Mk 12: 28b-34	Priesthood of Jesus; Great Commandments; Love of God & Neighbor; Morality
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 17: 10-16 Heb 9: 24-28 Mk 12:38-44	Stewardship; Social Sin; Justice; Morality; Faith: Paschal Mystery
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10: 11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32	Final Judgment; Parousia; Eschatology; Symbol of the Cross
Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King	Dn 7: 13-14 Rv 1: 5-8 Jn 18: 33b-37	Christ the King; Christology; Book of Revelation; Heaven; Hell; Cost of Discipleship