

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

POSSIBLE DOCTRINAL TOPICS FOR LITURGICALLY-BASED CATECHESIS YEAR A

First Sunday of Advent	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44	Advent; Parousia; Son of Man; Liturgical Year
Second Sunday of Advent	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12	Kingdom of God; Repentance & Reconciliation; Discipleship; Eschatology
Third Sunday of Advent	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	Repentance; Kingdom of God; Justice
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	Jesus Christ: Fully Human and Fully Divine Eschatology; Conversion; Sacredness of Human Life–
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	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	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; Mary as model of the Church
Epiphany	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	Epiphany; Manifestation; Evangelization; Christology; Universal Salvation
Baptism of the Lord	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3: 13-17	Baptism; Trinity; Holy Spirit; Conversion
Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lent; Conversion; Fasting; 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 2: 7-9; 3, 1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4: 1-11	Conversion; Sin; Paschal Mystery; Reconciliation; Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving *Election – for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil
Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite for Candidates)	Gn 12: 1-4a 2 Tm 1: 8b-10 Mt 17: 1-9	Call of Baptism; Transfiguration; Conversion; Paschal Mystery
Third Sunday of Lent First Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)	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 Second Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)	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 Third Scrutiny (For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)	Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45	Paschal Mystery; Eternal Life; Baptism; Cross
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14 – 27:66	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; Charity; Triduum; Service
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	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; 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 2: 42-47 1 Pt 1: 3-9 Jn 20: 19-31	Death/Resurrection/Paschal Mystery; Sacraments; Ecclesiology Symbols: water, light, garment, oil, bread and wine
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35	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 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2: 20b-25 Jn 10: 1-10	Jesus the Good Shepherd; Church Symbols: cross, community, light/fire/oil/garment/bread/wine; Sacraments
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12	The two Great Commandments/law of love; Mystery of the Church; Sacraments; Confirmation symbols: laying on of hands/oil
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21	Passion/Death/Resurrection/sending of the Spirit; Holy Spirit; Mystery of the Church; Service & Servanthood; Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the sick

Ascension	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23 Mt 28: 16-20	Ascension; Christology; Trinity; Holy Spirit; Sacraments: Holy Orders, Marriage
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1: 12-14 1 Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11a	Prayer; Witness in Adversity Holy Spirit; Christology
Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23	Pentecost; Ministry in the Church; Sacraments; Evangelization
Trinity Sunday	Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13: 11-13 Jn 3:16-18	Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit; Christology; Faith; Creed; Miracles; Grace; Revelation
Most Holy Body and Blood	Dt 8, 2-3: 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6: 51-58	Eucharist; Corpus Christi; Eucharist as forgiveness of Sins; Symbol of Bread and Wine; Body of Christ; Sacramentality; Incarnation
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 49: 3. 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34	Christology; revelation; Grace; Christian Witness; Mary as icon of Church
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 8:23b-9, 3 1 Cor 1:10-13. 17 Mt 4: 12-23	Kingdom of God; Evangelization; Christology; Discipleship; Word of God
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zep 2:3; 3: 12-13 1 Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 5: 1-12a	Sermon on the Mount /Beatitudes Justice; Prayer and Action; Conversion;
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58: 7-10 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Mt 5: 13-16	Let Your Light Shine; Ambition vs Calling; Evangelization; Discipleship
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 15: 16-21 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37	Commandments; Right Choices; Mystery of God; Revelation; Purity of the LAW
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3: 16-23 Mt 5:38-48	The Heart of the Law; Indwelling of the Spirit; Free Will & Conscience; Love Your Enemies!
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 49: 14-15 1 Cor 4: 1-5 Mt 6: 24-34	God is Always Faithful; Patience Before Making Judgment; No Two Masters – Only God; Simplicity in Faith / Rely on God
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32 Rom 3: 21-25a, 28 Mt 7: 21-27	Commandments; Redemption of Christ Jesus; Acting on the words of Christ; Building on ‘Rock’
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hos 6: 3-6 Rom 4:18-25 Mt 9: 9-13	Christology; Sacrament of Reconciliation; Sacrament of the Sick; Forgiveness and compassion; Grace; Goal of Liturgy

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 19: 2-6a Rom 5: 6-11 Mt 9: 36 – 10: 8	Mission; Jesus Christ; Discipleship; Ministry of the Laity
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20: 10-13 Rom 5: 12-15 Mt 10: 26-33	Cross; Suffering; Paschal Mystery; Eschatology; Sin; Grace
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42	Baptized Into the Death of Christ; Commitment; Radical Discipleship; Christian Hospitality
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zec 9: 9-10 Rom 8: 9, 11-13 Mt 11: 25-30	Word of God; Image of God; Faith and trust; Service; Spirituality; Prayer; Community/assembly/Church
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55: 10-11 Rom 8: 18-23 Mt 13: 1-23	Word of God/Scripture; Discernment; Prayer; Reign of God; Will of God
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 12: 13, 16-19 Rom 8: 26-27 Mt 13: 24-43	Social Sin/Repentance Prayer; Parables; Word of God; Ecumenism; Conversion
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52	Living the Mission of Christ Discipleship; Prayer; Heaven and Hell; Moral Imperatives of Reign of God
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55: 1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21	God the Father; Eucharist; Eucharist and Mission; Faith; Baptism; Trinity
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33	Faith; Paschal Mystery; Prayer; Jesus fully human and fully divine; Sacrament of the Sick & Holy Orders; Conversion
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 Mt 15: 21-28	Mystery of the Church; Discipleship; Evangelization; Justice; Social Sin
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 22: 19-23 Rom 11: 33-36 Mt 16: 13-20	Confession of Faith; Teaching Authority of the Church; Service; Hierarchy of Truths; Reign of God
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20: 7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16: 21-27	Eschatology; Cross; Paschal Mystery; Martyrdom; Justice; Morality, Sin; Trust

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13: 8-10 Mt 18: 15-20	Sacrament of Reconciliation; Conflict Resolution; Discipleship; Prophecy; Foundation of morality
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 27: 30 – 28: 9 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35	The Price of Hatred; Belonging to God; Forgiveness / Conversion
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a Mt 20: 1-16a	Social teaching of the Church; Service; Vocation; Christology; Grace
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32	Social Justice; Dignity of human persons; Morality; Eucharist; Faith and works; Kingdom of God
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 5: 1-7 Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43	Repentance; Ministry; paschal Mystery; Social teachings; Ecumenism; Evangelization
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14	Reign of God; Creation (dignity of all Creation); Cost of discipleship; Last judgment
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21	Christology; Prayer; Spiritual poverty; Option for the poor
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 22: 20-26 1 Thes: 1, 5c-10 Mt 22: 34-40	Morality; Conversion; Charity; Discipleship; Law of God
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 1: 14b – 2: 2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13 Mt 23: 1-12	True Worship; Legitimate Authority; True Leadership
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18 Mt 25: 1-13	Wisdom Leadership; Hope in the Resurrection; He Will Come Again in Glory
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30	Last judgment; Heaven; Salvation; Parousia; Virtues of faith, hope & trust
Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King	Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 21 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46	The Body of Christ; Apostles; Eschatology; Salvation