



VISIONS

Grades 7, 8, & 9 2020–2021 SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

LITURGICAL YEAR			DOCTRINAL CONTENT					
	Date/Sunday	Sunday Gospels	Bible	Catholic Faith Words	Creed	Sacraments & Liturgy	Life in Christ	Christian Prayer
ORDINARY TIME	September 20, 2020 25th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 20:1–16a God Abounds in Love	God's vineyard	Liturgy	The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ. (CCC, 777)	Eucharist: Worship, liturgy builds up the Church	The Kingdom of Heaven; class commitments	Blessing for the new school year; <i>Visions</i> pledge
	September 27, 2020 26th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 21:28–32 The Case of the Two Sons	Jesus uses parables to teach	Church	God makes us free to choose. (CCC, 1799–1800)	Eucharist: Lectionary	Making choices, keeping our word	The Lord's Prayer; prayers of gratitude
	October 4, 2020 27th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 21:33–43 The Parable of the Renters	God's vineyard, Isaiah 5, parables	Sabbath	Jesus invites us to faith. (CCC, 179–180)	Seven Sacraments; marks of the Church	Who influences us? Resisting peer pressure	The Apostles' Creed
	October 11, 2020 28th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:1–14 The Parable of the Wedding Feast	Old Testament: Ten Commandments	Eucharist	Jesus teaches us hospitality. (CCC, 561, 1971)	Eucharist: Jesus gathers all to his table	Discipleship: Jesus' followers help each other; basic family needs	Blessing Before Meals; The Lord's Prayer
	October 18, 2020 29th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:15–21 Caesar and God	Ideal disciples	common good	The People of God build community. (CCC, 752)	Eucharist: Preparation of the Gifts, offertory	Sharing our gifts, talents; responsible stewardship	The Lord's Prayer; prayers of petition
	October 25, 2020 30th Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 22:34–40 Two Great Commandments	Discipleship	Prayer of the Faithful	The People of God love with whole selves. (CCC, 2055)	Eucharist: Prayer of the Faithful	Loving God, neighbor, and self	Act of Love
	November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints	Matthew 5:1–12a The Beatitudes	God blesses all	Beatitudes	Beatitudes sustain hope, promise blessings (CCC, 1717)	Eucharist: Communion of Saints; All Souls' Day	Saints live the Beatitudes	Celebrate the saints in our lives
	November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 25:1–13 The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Girls	The Wisdom books	Wisdom	Jesus will bring justice, love, and peace. We wait and watch. (CCC, 672)	Eucharist: the First Reading prepares us for the Gospel	Making wise choices	The Lord's Prayer; turn to God always
	November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday Ordinary	Matthew 25:14–30 The Servant Who Did Not Use a Talent	Proverbs 31: Ideal wives in the Bible; Genesis 1	Sacrament of Matrimony	Jesus calls us to use our talents. (CCC, 942)	Eucharist: First Reading	Ideal Catholic men and women; World Day of the Poor	The Lord's Prayer; remembering workers and the poor
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS	November 22, 2020 Solemnity of Christ the King	Matthew 25:31–46 Jesus Teaches the Works of Mercy	Works of Mercy	mercy	Jesus will judge us on Works of Mercy. (CCC, 561)		Making a difference	The Lord's Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come; Thanksgiving prayer
	November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent	Mark 13:33–37 Jesus Says, "Be Alert!"	Isaiah 40: Babylonian Exile	Advent	Advent prepares us for Jesus' coming. (CCC, 524)	Advent; Liturgical Year	Advent gets us ready for the coming of the Son of Man	Advent prayer service: bringing the light of Christ to others
	December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent	Mark 1:1–8 Jesus Is Good News	John the Baptist; following Bible roads	Exile	John announces the Good News. (CCC, 718–719)	Advent	Journeying to Christmas; sharing gifts; Hanukkah is a feast of heroes	Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer; Advent prayer
	December 13, 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent	John 1:6–8, 19–28 John the Baptist Prepares Us for Jesus	Angels and prophets; Isaiah 61	Incarnation	God sends Jesus and the Spirit. (CCC, 717)	Advent: Incarnation	Nativity narratives in Luke and Matthew	O Antiphons: prayers of waiting; Christmas blessing; <i>Magnificat</i>
	December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26–38 Mary Says Yes to God	Angel messenger; King David; Jesus' ancestors	faith	Mary is the Mother of God. (CCC, 508–509, 744)	Advent: Annunciation	Honoring Mary as our model; taking risks for others	Hail Mary; Sign of Peace; Prayer to My Guardian Angel
	December 25, 2020 & January 3, 2021 Christmas & Epiphany	Luke 2:1–14 Jesus Is Born; Matthew 2:1–12 The Wise Men Visit Jesus	The young Jesus; names of Jesus	icon	In Jesus, God becomes incarnate. Jesus is the hope of nations. (CCC, 479, 628)	Christmas; Epiphany stories	Welcoming the stranger; creating icons; being Christmas for others	Christmas carols
	January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord	Mark 1:7–11 Jesus Is Baptized, the Spirit Descends Upon Him	The Gospel According to Mark	Sacraments of Christian Initiation	At Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened; Jesus and the Spirit descend. (CCC, 536)	Sacrament of Baptism	Baptism calls us to live like Jesus	Renewing baptismal vows
	January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday Ordinary	John 1:35–42 Jesus Calls His First Followers	Disciples	call	Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit, reveals God to us. (CCC, 73)	Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Orders, and Matrimony	Living holy lives; calls and vocations	Calling disciples to prayer; Eucharistic Prayer
	January 24, 2021 3rd Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:14–20 Jesus Calls Fishermen	Jesus in Mark's Gospel	Gospel	Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations. (CCC, 849)	Eucharistic Prayer	Learning about Jesus' life, ministry	Calling Prayer; Psalm 96
ORDINARY TIME	January 31, 2021 4th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:21–28 Jesus Teaches with Authority	Commandments 1–3; Galilee	healing	Jesus has healing power, teaches with authority. (CCC, 548–550)	Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick	Fighting prejudice; discerning media messages	The Lord's Prayer: Lead us not into temptation
	February 7, 2021 5th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:29–39 Jesus Raises Up, Heals, and Frees People	Jesus' healing ministry	disciple	Jesus' life is a continual teaching. (CCC, 561)	Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick	Healing power of prayer; being a disciple; resolving conflicts	Prayer starters
	February 14, 2021 6th Sunday Ordinary	Mark 1:40–45 Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy	Eighth Commandment	compassion	Jesus brings healing. (CCC, 561, 620)	Reconciliation is mission and Sacrament; Holy Communion: the Body of Christ	Explore the Eighth Commandment	Ash Wednesday prayer service
	February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent	Mark 1:12–15 Jesus Is Tempted	God makes a commitment to Noah	Lent	Jesus faces temptation. (CCC, 538–540)	Lent	How do we recognize a Christian? Living our Lent promises	Lent commitments
	February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mark 9:2–10 Jesus' Friends See Him Transfigured	God and Abraham; Mark's Gospel review	Transfiguration	Transfiguration is a sacrament of our own Resurrection. (CCC, 556)	Lent	Standing up against bullying, racism	Prayers for those who are bullied, excluded
	March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent	John 2:13–25 Jesus Cleanses the Temple	Moses; commandments and covenants	Ten Commandments	Jesus calls us to holiness. (CCC, 2052–2055)	Lent	Fifth Commandment: Protecting life, managing anger	Lenten prayer
LENT	March 14, 2021 4th Sunday of Lent	John 3:14–21 Jesus Gives Us Light	John 3:16	conscience	Jesus shows God's love. (CCC, 620)	Lent	Conscience; taking risks to grow and change	Examination of Conscience
	March 21, 2021 5th Sunday of Lent	John 12:20–33 Jesus Is Like a Grain of Wheat	Jeremiah urges faithfulness to God's covenant	covenant	Jesus is like a grain of wheat. (CCC, 629, 658)	Eucharist: living bread, the Body of Christ	Nourishing others; seeking good advice	The Lord's Prayer: our daily bread; Psalm 51
	March 28, 2021 Palm/Passion Sunday	Mark 15:1–39 Jesus' Passion	Passion story	Hosanna	Jesus leads us from death to life. (CCC, 620)	Holy Week; Triduum	Walking with Jesus	Stations of the Cross
	April 4 & April 11, 2021 Easter Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:1–9 Jesus Is Risen; John 20:19–31 Jesus Greets His Friends	Resurrection	Paschal Mystery	Jesus' rising is our crowning truth. (CCC, 638)	Baptism, confirmation; Easter symbols	Celebrating Easter life	Alleluia; Easter prayer
	April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter	Luke 24:35–48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Acts of the Apostles: Paul, Early Christian communities	Body of Christ	Jesus' disciples witness him risen from death. (CCC, 656, 658)	Eucharist: we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus	Eucharist prepares us to do the work of God; care for Creation	Apostles' Creed; Eucharistic Prayer; Easter hymns
	April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter	John 10:11–18 Jesus Is the Good Shepherd	Good shepherd	stewardship	Jesus shepherds, dies for his people. (CCC, 754)	Eucharist: Lamb of God	Christian leadership; stewardship	Creed: maker of Heaven and earth
EASTER	May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter	John 15:1–8 Jesus Is the Vine; We Are the Branches	Psalms	ecumenism	Jesus unifies his Church from its beginning. (CCC, 820)	Eucharist: Responsorial Psalm	Ecumenism: Christians work together	Psalm 23; The Lord's Prayer; Christ is our common vine
	May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter	John 15:9–17 Jesus' Great Commandment: Love One Another	Holy Spirit	Holy Trinity	Jesus' commandment (CCC, 1823); Holy Trinity (CCC, 261–263)	Eucharist: the Creed; gifts and fruits of the Spirit	The Holy Spirit works in our lives	Prayer to the Holy Spirit; Spirit prayer service

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