

# Confirmation 2009 - 2010 Class/Topic schedule

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	TOPIC	Action/learning
Week 1 Sept 20th	Introductions by mentors (you will need your "Getting to know you" sheet filled out) then give time for candidates to fill there's out.	Mentor's present
Week 2 Sept 27	Introductions using "Getting to know you" formally set class rules	Have as many students share their responses as time permits.
Week 3 Oct 4	Introductions using "Getting to know you" format	Have as many students share their responses as time permits.
NO CLASS Oct 11		
Week 4 Oct 18	Manual and Catechism overview How to use and topics that will be covered	Joe and Anna will review Catechism and Catholic Faith Handbook.
Week 5 Oct 25	<b>Being Catholic</b> Chapter 1 - pages 13 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Identify and name core Catholic beliefs and discover how they foster Catholic identify.</li> <li>*Understand some core Catholic practices and how they are relative to the learner.</li> <li>*Gain insight into Catholic attitudes and how they can be lived out.</li> </ul>
Week 6 Nov1	<b>Knowing God</b> Chapter 2 - pages 20 - 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will gain insight into the Catholic Church's understanding of Revelation and its transmission.</li> <li>*The learner will understand how Catholics come to know the truth about God and why that has meaning for their lives.</li> </ul>
<b>The Creed</b>		
Week 7 Nov 8	<b>Faith</b> Chapter 3 pages 32 - 39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will gain a better understanding of the Church's creeds and how they relate to a life of faith.</li> <li>*The learner will be prepared for a more meaningful recitation of the Nicene Creed during the liturgy.</li> <li>*The learner will recognize the Trinitarian structure of the Church's creeds.</li> </ul>
NO CLASS Nov 15		
Teacher mtg 7:00		
Week 8 Nov 22	<b>God Our Father</b> Chapter 4 pages 40 - 47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize that people use various images to gain insight into the mystery of God.</li> <li>*The learner will explore central images of God in the Scriptures and in Church Tradition.</li> <li>*The learner will investigate the meaning of the doctrine of the Trinity and consider how it helps people to more deeply understand the mystery of God.</li> </ul>
NO CLASS Nov 29		
Week 9 Dec 6	<b>The Human Person</b> Chapter 5 pages 48 - 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand key aspects of the Church's teaching on Creation.</li> <li>*The learner will reflect on the goodness of God's Creation and her or his own identity as part of Creation.</li> <li>*The learner will be introduced to the doctrine of original sin.</li> </ul>
Week 10 Dec 13	<b>Jesus Christ</b> Chapter <i>True God and True Man</i> 6 pages 56 - 63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will distinguish between the fully divine nature of Jesus and the fully human nature of Jesus.</li> <li>*The Learner will recognize the mystery of Jesus through discovery of who Jesus is.</li> <li>*The learner will recognize Jesus as the center of the Catholic faith.</li> </ul>
<b>Mary, The mother of God</b>		
Week 11 Dec 20	<b>Jesus Message and Mission</b> Chapter 7 pages 64 -73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the effectiveness of parables in Jesus' ministry and their use in communicating the Kingdom of God.</li> <li>*The learner will probe the concept of the Reign of God and how it guided Jesus' mission.</li> <li>*The learner will reflect on her or his own way of being and on goals for the future in light of Jesus' mission and invitation to enter the Kingdom.</li> </ul>
NO CLASS Dec 27		

Week 12 Jan 3	<b>Jesus' Death</b> Chapter 8 pages 74 - 82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will explore the Passion and death of Jesus and its profound meaning for all Christians.</li> <li>*The learner will gain a general understanding of the key events surrounding the Passion and death of Jesus.</li> </ul>
Week 13 Jan 10	<b>Jesus' Resurrection</b> Chapter 9 pages 83 - 91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the Paschal mystery-particularly the mystery of Jesus' passage through death to new life.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the Resurrection of Jesus to be both historical and transcendent, the fulfillment of God's promise, and the work of the Holy Trinity.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the story of the Resurrection and its significance both in the story of Jesus and in the faith journey of all Christians.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the significance of Jesus' death and Resurrection for her or his own life.</li> </ul>
Week 14 Jan 17	<b>The Holy Spirit</b> Chapter 10 pages 92 - 99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will more deeply understand the Holy Spirit as one of the three persons of the Trinity, active and present in the world today.</li> <li>*The learner will become familiar with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>*The learner will discover the meaning and significance of many of the Church's symbols of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>*The learner will be reminded that belief in the Holy Spirit involves having faith that God is active and present in his or her life and in the lives of others today.</li> </ul>
Week 15 Jan 24	<b>The Mission of the Catholic Church</b> Chapter 11 pages 100 - 110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will appreciate the images used to describe the Church's nature and mission.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the meaning and significance of the scriptural images of the Church as the people of God, the Body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>*The learner will reflect on the Church as a <i>mystery and as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic</i>.</li> </ul>
Week 16 Jan 31	<b>The Organization of the Catholic Church</b> Chapter 12 pages 111 - 122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the hierarchical structure and decision-making process of the Catholic Church.</li> <li>*The learner will appreciate her or his unique and important role within that structure.</li> <li>*The learner will begin to understand the focus of ecumenism.</li> </ul>
Week 17 Feb 7	<b>The Last Things</b> Chapter 13 pages 123 - 131	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will explore the Church's view of death and last things.</li> <li>*The learner will identify the characteristics of people who, by living with extraordinary faith, provide the Church today with examples of the life of holiness we are all called to by God.</li> <li>*The learner will identify potential areas of growth while striving to live a saintly life.</li> </ul>
<b>Liturgy and the Sacraments</b>		
Teacher Mtg Feb 11 7:00		
NO CLASS Feb 14		
Week 18 Feb 21	<b>Introduction to the Liturgy</b> Chapter 14 pages 134 - 144	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand that the liturgy is the public, communal, and official worship of the Church.</li> <li>*The learner will understand that in the liturgy God is at work bringing everyone to salvation.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the truth that in the liturgy people experience the Holy Trinity at work, and that in the liturgy the mystery of the Holy Trinity is more deeply revealed.</li> </ul>
<b>The Liturgical Year</b>		
Week 19 Mar 7	<b>Introduction to the Sacraments</b> Chapter 15 pages 145 - 153	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize signs, symbols, and rituals and understand their importance in the sacraments.</li> <li>*The learner will be introduced to the seven sacraments, which will be more fully discussed in later chapters.</li> <li>*The learner will experience ritual prayer that engages him or her symbolic gestures and the use of symbolic objects.</li> </ul>
Week 20 Mar 14 <b>Confir Mass 10:30</b>	<b>Baptism</b> Chapter 16 pages 154 - 163	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the many effects of Baptism.</li> <li>*The learner will study the rite of Baptism and understand the significance of the sacrament's symbols.</li> </ul>
Week 21 Mar 21	<b>Confirmation</b> Chapter 17 pages 164 - 171	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand that Confirmation is about becoming a fully initiated Catholic and that the sacrament has several important effects on those who receive it.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the symbols of Confirmation and the significance of the ritual of Confirmation.</li> </ul>

Week 22 Mar 28	<b>The Eucharist</b> Chapter 18 pages 172 - 182	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.</li> <li>*The learner will understand several significant meanings of the Eucharist.</li> <li>*The learner will be able to make concrete connections between the Eucharist and daily life.</li> </ul>
<b>The Eucharistic Rite</b>		
<b>NO CLASS EASTER</b>		
Week 23 Apr 11	<b>Sacraments of Healing</b> Chapter 19 pages 183 - 192	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize how Jesus' work of healing continues in the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament that brings spiritual and physical healing to people who are aging or who have a chronic illness as well as to those who face an imminent death.</li> <li>*The learner will understand that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has significance for the way we live our lives. This sacrament invites us to be a healing presence in the world, to see God as the source of all healing, and to view our own suffering within the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ.</li> </ul>
Week 24 Apr 18	<b>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</b> Chapter 20 pages 193 -203	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize that the sacrament at the service of Communion focus on serving God and the Church.</li> <li>*The learner will recognize the connection between the rite of Holy Orders and the rite of Matrimony and the lived life of these calls, as well as characteristics unique to each sacrament.</li> <li>*The learner will become more conscious of the everyday noise that can make it difficult for people to hear how God calls them.</li> </ul>
<b>Christian Morality</b>		
Week 25 LAST CLASS Apr 25	Introduction to <b>Christian Morality</b> Chapter 21 pages 206 - 215	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will be introduced to the Church's teaching on morality.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the meaning in Catholic Tradition of the beatitude, free will, and sin.</li> <li>*The learner will realize that all humans are created in the image and likeness of God.</li> <li>*The learner will apply the three factors for determining the morality of individual human actions: the action itself, the intent, and the circumstances.</li> </ul>
Week 26	<b>Social Justice</b> Chapter 22 pages 216 - 225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize that God calls human society to reflect the loving relationship within the Trinity.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the four foundations of Catholic social teaching: the common good, political responsibility, human dignity, and solidarity.</li> <li>*The learner will discover the biblical roots of social justice.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the interdependent relationship between service and justice</li> </ul>
Week 27	<b>Sources of Moral Truth</b> Chapter 23 pages 226 - 235	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize natural law as part of human nature.</li> <li>*The learner will appreciate the relationship between the Old Law (Ten Commandments) and the New Law (The Gospels).</li> <li>*The learner will be able to identify the laws, or precepts, of the Church.</li> <li>*The learner will discover ways to integrate these laws with the formation of conscience.</li> </ul>
Week 28	<b>Honoring God</b> Chapter 24 pages 236 - 244	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will explore what it means to put God above all things.</li> <li>*The learner will realize that everyday speech is a powerful tool for serving God.</li> <li>*The learner will develop strategies for observing the Sabbath.</li> </ul>
Week 29	<b>Honoring Family</b> Chapter 25 pages 245 - 252	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will appreciate that God is the source of the mutual respect due within the family.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the relationship between the child's responsibilities of respect and the parent's duty of care.</li> <li>*The learner will understand how the fourth commandment applies to the civil authority.</li> <li>*The learner will understand that civil disobedience and political action are based on Catholic teachings.</li> </ul>
Week 30	<b>Respecting Life</b> Chapter 26 pages 253 - 264	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize that the foundation of the fifth commandment is the fact that all humans are created in the image of God.</li> <li>*The learner will understand how life issues-such as capital punishment, war, abortion, genetic engineering, euthanasia, suicide and scandal-are related to the fifth commandment.</li> <li>*The learner will realize that the responsibility to respect life includes respecting her or his own health.</li> </ul>

Week 31	<b>Respecting Sexuality:</b> The Gift of Sexuality Chapter 27 pages 265-275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will appreciate God's gift of sexuality.</li> <li>*The learner will understand that marriage is the appropriate place for the full expression of the gift of sexuality.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the value of chastity in marriage and into the single life.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the reasons for the exclusive expression of sexual relations in a sacramental marriage, revealed in the sixth commandment. and the value of purity of heart. which is the basis of the ninth commandment.</li> </ul>
<b>Respecting Sexuality:</b> The Challenge of Sexuality		
Week 32	<b>Respecting Material Goods</b> Chapter 28 pages 276-284	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the Church's teaching on the seventh commandment with respect to stealing.</li> <li>*The learner will be aware of the application of the tenth commandment to the dangers of materialism and envy.</li> <li>*The learner will consider the best way to serve God through vocation, work, and wealth.</li> </ul>
Week 33	<b>Respecting Truth</b> Chapter 29 pages 285-293	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand the importance of truth and the harm of lying.</li> <li>*The learner will experience the power of words to make or break confidences and reputations.</li> <li>*The learner will realize how important a foundation of truth is for society and how necessary reparations are when truth is violated.</li> </ul>
Week 34	<b>The Moral Life</b> Chapter 30 pages 294-301	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will understand and learn how to cultivate the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the value and the source of the theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity.</li> <li>*The learner will appreciate the meaning and importance of forgiveness and grace in living a Christian moral life.</li> </ul>
<b>Christian Prayer</b>		
Week 35	<b>Introduction to Prayer</b> Chapter 31 pages 304-307	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will establish prayer as an essential way of building a closer relationship with God.</li> <li>*The learner will understand prayer as a responsive relationship with God.</li> <li>*The learner will explore prayer as covenant, communion, and gift.</li> <li>*The learner will understand that everyone is called to prayer.</li> </ul>
Models of Prayer		
Week 36	<b>The Forms of Prayer</b> Chapter 32 pages 314-322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will be introduced to the Church's five traditional forms of prayer: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.</li> <li>*The learner will gain an appreciation for how different forms of prayer connect to different times and situations in her or his life.</li> </ul>
Week 37	<b>Personal Prayer</b> Chapter 33 pages 323-331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will be encouraged to develop deeper appreciation for personal prayer as a way to enrich his or her relationship with God.</li> <li>*The learner will develop a knowledge of and appreciation for vocal, meditative, and contemplative prayer forms.</li> </ul>
Challenges of Prayer		
Week 38	<b>Praying with the Scriptures</b> Chapter 34 pages 332-341	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will establish connections between reading and praying the Scriptures.</li> <li>*The learner will identify key scriptural texts that are significant to his or her continual faith development.</li> <li>*The learner will develop an understanding of the Scriptures as a useful tool in deepening her or his prayer life.</li> </ul>
Week 39	<b>Praying Together</b> Chapter 35 pages 342-351	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will expand her or his knowledge of communal prayer expression.</li> <li>*The learner will develop the skills necessary to transform daily experiences into prayerful and power-filled moments.</li> <li>*The learner will experience communal prayer.</li> </ul>
Catholic Prayers and devotions.		
Week 40	<b>The Lord's Prayer <i>God's Glory</i></b> Chapter 36 pages 352-360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will identify the reasons we pray the Lord's Prayer and its potential to change us.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the opening address as a means to place themselves in the presence of God and in the right frame of mind.</li> <li>*The learner will explore the first three petitions, which address the glory of the Father, the sanctification of his name, the coming of his Kingdom, and the fulfillment of his will.</li> </ul>
Week 41	<b>The Lord's Prayer <i>Human Need</i></b> Chapter 37 pages 361-369	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The learner will recognize the final four petitions of the Lord's Prayer as Jesus' answer to the desires of the Christian heart.</li> <li>*The learner will understand the need to boldly ask for nourishment, healing of sins, and the victorious struggle of good over evil.</li> <li>*The learner will acknowledge a dependence on God for all essential things needed to sustain life.</li> </ul>