

Corpus Christi Catholic Church Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**2023 – 2024 Course Syllabus Revised 1/12/24**



**Date Topic Reference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Sept 11 **The Journey of Faith:** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 1*

**Trinity, Faith & the God Who is Love** *2 parts: 10min/20min*

*Introduction to Love Unveiled: The Catholic Faith Explained pages 11-18*

*The God Who is Love LUTCFE Chapter 1:19-31*

1. PROLOGUE: The Life of Man – To Know and Love God **[CCC 1-49]**
2. FAITH: Man’s Response to God **[CCC 142-184]**
3. The Revelation of God as Trinity **[CCC 232-278]**
4. **The CREDO - The Apostles’ Creed - The Nicene Creed CCC *pages* 56-57**

Sept 18 **Divine Revelation:**  *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 2*

**God Seeking Us & the Compass for Our Lives** *2 parts: 11min/21min*

*The Divine Unveiling LUTCFE Chapter 2:32-42*

1. **I Believe in God the Father Almighty**  **[CCC 198 – 231]**

2. God Comes to Meet Man: The Revelation of God **[CCC 50-73]**

2. The Transmission of Divine Revelation: Apostolic Tradition **[CCC 74-100]**

Sept 25 **The Bible:** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 3* **God’s Love Letter to Humanity** *2 parts: 10min/22min*

*The Divine Unveiling (continued) LUTCFE Chapter 2:43-46*

1. Sacred Scripture – Inspiration and Truth **[CCC 101-119]**

2. The Canon of Scripture **[CCC 120-141]**

Oct 02 **The Story of Salvation:** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 4*

**Creation, Fall and Redemption** *2 parts: 11min/22min*

*The Great Story LUTCFE Chapter 3:47-61*

1. Catechesis and Creation **[CCC 279-327]**
2. The Angels and the Visible World **[CCC 328-354]**
3. Man “In the Image of God” **[CCC 355-384]**
4. The Fall and Original Sin **[CCC 385-421]**

**Oct 09 NO CLASS TONIGHT – (Columbus Day Holiday)**

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Oct 16 **Who is Jesus?** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 5*

**Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?** *2 parts: 12min/19min*

*“Who Do You Say That I AM?” LUTCFE Chapter 4:62-82*

1. **I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son , Our Lord** [**CCC 422-455]**
2. **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary** **[CCC 456-486]**
3. Jesus' Infancy and Hidden Life **[CCC 512-534]**

4. The Mysteries of Jesus’ Public Life **[CCC 535-570]**

Oct 23 **The Paschal Mystery** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 6*

**Jesus’ Death & Resurrection** *2 parts: 10min/23min*

*The Triumph of the Cross LUTCFE Chapter 5:83-99*

1. **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,**

**Died, and was buried**  **[CCC 571-630]**

2. **He descended into Hell; On the Third Day He Rose Again”**  **[CCC 631-658]**

3. **He Ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand**

**Of God the Father** **Almighty** **[CCC 659-667]**

4. **He will Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead** **[CCC 668-682]**

**Oct 30 No Class Tonight**

**Nov 1st is ALL SAINTS DAY –** ***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***

[*November 2nd is All Souls Day –* ***not*** *a Holy Day of Obligation]*

Nov 06 **The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 7*

**God’s Divine Life within Us** *2 parts: 13min/20min*

*“Clothed with Power from On High”:*

*The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace LUTCFE Chapter 6:100-116*

1. **I Believe in the Holy Spirit [CCC 683-747]** 2. Grace and Justification **[CCC 1987-2029]**

3. The Virtues **[CCC 1803-1829]**

4. Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit **[CCC 1830-1845]**

**5.** The Spirit and the Church in the Last Days **[CCC 717-720; 731-747]**

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Nov 13 **Why Do I Need the Church** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 8*

**The Mystery of the Catholic Church** *2 parts: 15min/28min*

*Why Do I Need the Church? LUTCFE Chapter 7:117-135*

1. **I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church** **[CCC 748-810]**

2. The Church is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic **[CCC 811-870]** 3. Christ’s Faithful – Hierarchy, Laity, Consecrated Life **[CCC 871-945]**

Nov 20 **Church History**

Nov 27 **Mary and the Saints** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 9*

**Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints** *10min/26min*

*Mary and the Saints LUTCFE Chapter 8:136-153*

1. Mary’s Predestination & Immaculate Conception **[CCC 487-494]**

2. Mary’s divine motherhood & virginity  **[CCC495-511}**

3. “Rejoice, you who are full of grace” **[CCC 721-726]**

4. Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, Assumption **[CCC 963**-**975]**

5. **I Believe in The Communion of Saints** **[CCC 946-962]**

**Dec 03** ***RITE OF ACCEPTANCE (First Sunday in Advent) 8:30AM MASS***

Dec 04 **The Last Things** *Symbolon (Part 1) Episode 10* **What Happens after We Die?** *2 parts: 15min/25min*

*The Last Things: What Happens*

*After We Die LUTCFE Chapter 9:154-169*

1. **I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins [CCC 976-987] 2. I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body** **[CCC 988-1019]**

3. **I Believe in the Life Everlasting** **[CCC 1020]**

4. The Particular Judgment **[CCC 1021-1022]**

5. Heaven **[CCC 1023-1029]**

6. The Final Purification, or Purgatory **[CCC 1030-1032]**

7. Hell **[CCC 1033-1037]**

8**.** The Last Judgment **[CCC 1038-1065]**

9. **“AMEN” [CCC 1061-1065]**

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**Dec 08** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Dec 11 **The Sacraments** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode 1*

**Baptism & Confirmation** *2 parts: 13min/26min*

*Encountering Christ Today:*

*The Seven Sacraments LUTCFE Chapter 10:170-185*

1. The Sacraments **[CCC 1113-1134; 1210-1212]**

2. The Sacrament of Baptism **[CCC 1213-1256]**

3. The Necessity & Grace of Baptism **[CCC 1257-1284]**

4. The Sacrament of Confirmation **[CCC 1285-1301]** 5. Effects; Who can Receive; Minister of Confirmation **[CCC 1302-1321]** 6. Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit **[CCC** **1830-1832]**

Dec 18 **The Eucharist** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode 2*

**Source and Summit of Christian Life** *2 parts: 15min/23min*

*The Holy Eucharist: God with Us LUTCFE Chapter 11:186-203*

1. The Sacrament of the Eucharist **[CCC 1322–1336]**

2. The Institution of the Eucharist **[CCC 1337-1344]** 3. The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist **[CCC 1345-1355]**

4. The Sacramental Sacrifice: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence **[CCC 1356-1419]**

5. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Dec 25 NO CLASS TONIGHT - CHRISTMAS DAY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION;**

**Jan 01 NO CLASS TONIGHT - HOLY MOTHER OF GOD\***

Jan 08 **Walk Through the Mass** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **3**

**At the Church. Celebration of Rites of Catechumenate**

**Exploring the Sacred Liturgy** *2 parts: 12min/22min*

*A Walk through the Mass LUTCFE Chapter 12:204-214*

1. Celebration of the Christian Mystery **[CCC 1066-1112]**

2. Celebrating the Church’s Liturgy **[CCC 1135-1209]**

3. Liturgy of the Word/Liturgy of the Eucharist/Liturgical Year

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**Jan 15**  **NO CLASS TONIGHT (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)**

Jan 22 **Matrimony & Holy Orders** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **5**

**The Sacraments of Service & Communion** *2 parts: 12min/29min*

1. Holy Orders: Deacon, Priest & Bishop **[CCC 1536 - 1600]**

2. Consecrated Life **[CCC 914-945]**

3. Matrimony **[CCC 1601-1666]**

Jan 29 **A Love That Lasts – Part 1** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **7** **Discovering Authentic Love\*** *18min*

1. The Decalogue **[CCC 2052-2082]**

2.Commandments 1 -3 **[CCC 2083-2195]**

Feb 05**A Love That Lasts – Part 2** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **8**

**God’s Plan for Sexuality \*** *36min*

1. The Commandments: 6&9 **[CCC 2331-2453]**

Feb 12 **A Catholic Moral Vision** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **6** **Virtue, Grace & the Path to Happiness** *2 parts: 15min/30min*

*A Catholic Moral Worldview LUTCFE Chapter 14:228-240*

1. The Beatitudes **[CCC 1716-1729]**
2. Man’s Freedom **[CCC 1730-1748]**
3. The Morality of Human Acts **[ CCC 1749-1802]**
4. The Virtues **[CCC 1803-1829; 1833-1845]**
5. Mercy and Sin: Kinds & Gravity **[CCC 1846-1876]**
6. Grace and Justification; Merit  **[CCC 1987 -2029]**
7. Precepts of the Church; Moral Life; Missionary Witness  **[CCC 2041–2051]**

**Feb 18 RITE OF ELECTION (adult Catechumens only) 2:30PM St. Timothy Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA**

**Feb 19** **NO CLASS TONIGHT (President’s Day Holiday)**

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**Feb 25 Rite of Election (Catechumens under 18) and The Call to Continuing Conversion of Baptized Candidates 8:30am Mass at the Church**

Feb 26 **Catholic Social Teaching – Part 1** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **9**

**Building a Civilization of Love\*** *18min*

*Love and Responsibility LUTCFE Chapter 15: 241-258*

1. The Person and Society **[CCC 1877-1896; 1913-1927]**

2. The Social Doctrine of the Church **[CCC 2419-2425]**

3. The Commandments: 4  **[CCC 2196-2257]**

4. The Commandments: 5 **[CCC 2258-2330]**

**Catholic Social Teaching – Part 2** Symbolon *(Part 2) Episode* **10**

**Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person** *36min*

1. The Commandments: 7, 8, & 10 **[CCC 2401-2513; 2534-2557]**

2. Respect for the Human Person **[CCC 1928-1948]**

**Mar 03 First Scrutiny (Catechumens) 8:30am Mass at the Church**

Mar 04 **Penance & The Anointing of the Sick** *Symbolon (Part 2) Episode* **4**

**Class will be at the Church**

**God’s Mercy Revealed** *2 parts: 14min/29min*

*Confession LUTCFE Chapter 13: 215-227*

1. Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation **[CCC 1420-1450]**  2. Contrition and Confession of Sins **[CCC 1451-1458; 1480 -1498]**

3. Penance, Absolution & Effects of the Sacrament **[CCC 1459-1470]**

4. Indulgences **[CCC 1471-1479]**

5. The Anointing of the Sick **[CCC 1499 - 1532]**

**Mar 10 Second Scrutiny (Catechumens) 10:00 am Mass at the Church**

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Mar 11 **Prayer & Spirituality**

*Prayer: The Encounter of*

*God’s Thirst with Ours LUTCFE Chapter 16:259-275*

1. Prayer in the Christian Life **[CCC 2558-2662]**
2. The Way of Prayer; Guides for Prayer **[CCC 2663-2696]**
3. The Life of Prayer: Vocal, Meditative & Contemplative[**CCC 2697-2724]**
4. The Battle of Prayer [**CCC 2725-2758]**
5. Model of Prayer - Our Father [**CCC 2759-2865]**

*Conclusion LUTCFE Pages 276 – 278*

**Sacramentals**

1. Characteristics, forms & Popular Piety **[CCC 1667-1679]**
2. Christian Funerals **[CCC 1680 -1690]**

**Mar 17 Third Scrutiny (Catechumens) 11:30am Mass at the Church**

Mar 18 **Review/Q&A**

**Mar 24 PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK BEGINS**

**Mar 28 HOLY THURSDAY**

**Mar 29 GOOD FRIDAY**

**Mar 30** **HOLY SATURDAY RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

**PRACTICE 11:30am EASTER VIGIL 8:30pm**

**MYSTAGOGIA; PATHWAY INTO THE MYSTERIES**

*Mystagogia* is a Greek word meaning “education in the Mysteries”. It is meant to help in continuing the faith formation of the newly initiated. Please save these dates:

**Apr 01** **Origins of the Feast of** **Divine Mercy**

**May 06** **Finding God’s Will for You**