

Archdiocese of Seattle Religious Education Newsletter November 16, 2015

Dear Catechetical Colleagues,

Our "Essential Concepts" this month are focused on the topic of **Liturgical Resources** that opens this week with "Liturgical Calendar". As you know, our new Liturgical Year will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. We will be moving to Cycle C, the Gospel of Luke. Thus, this is an excellent time to consider how we are highlighting a new liturgical season and also how the liturgical calendar is structured and celebrated.

We are also drawing very close to the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** that opens on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. **Please note the new app (featured below) from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) that offers a rich treasury of resources to guide us through this special time.** We will be routinely highlighting events around the Archdiocese, resources and current news related to the Year of Mercy. Be sure to check this section often!

We also would like to remind you that this week is **National Bible Week**. Have you taken the [Bible Quiz](#) from USCCB? If not, you might want to take a look at the many ways we can encourage our catechists and families to learn more about Sacred Scripture! Take the quiz and get a chance to receive 1 of 50 NABRE Bibles from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops!

St. Mary's Press is offering a great deal on Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book for the month of November. Order 25 copies, get 5 more free. Ordering information is linked below in the Archdiocesan News section of the newsletter.

In Christ,
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Upcoming Catechetical Events

"Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples"

Forming Disciples with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
November 20-21, 2015 | St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver
Presenter: Andrew Casad, Director of Liturgy, Archdiocese of Seattle
For more information and to register, visit the Liturgy Office [website](#)

Religious Education Standards Deanery Workshops

December 1st, 2015: 12:00-3:00 | Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle
January 26, 2016: 10:30-12 | Pierce Deanery (*location: TBD*)
March 9th, 2016: | St. Charles, Burlington (*Time: TBD*)
Contact [Joseph Tancioco](#) for information, registration, and scheduling a future workshop.

Save the Date: Mass/March for Life

The annual Mass for Life and March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. These events commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions in 1974 that legalized abortion throughout the country.

Save the Date: Jubilee for People with Special Needs

Saturday, March 12, 2016 | 11:00 Archbishop Peter J. Sartain, Presider

Formation Opportunities

A Series on Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home (women & men)

Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm | October 29; November 5, 12 & 19 | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle | Mike Schut, facilitating ([Ignatius Spirituality Center](#))

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation Course

Presented by Joann Terranova, MAPS and Lynne Shioyama
January to November 2016 For more information, see [flyer](#) or contact Claudia Petursson at Holy Family Parish 452-822-0295, ext. 122 or claudiap@hfkparish.org

Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest

Twenty-four winners will be selected in the 2015-2016 [Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest](#); their artwork will appear as e-greetings on the website (MCAKids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent 2016 and through the Christmas Season. The official entry form is at MCAKids.org and at OneFamilyInMission.org. Open to young Catholics in grades K-8 in schools or parish religious education programs. Deadline is Saturday, January 31, 2016.

Multimedia Youth Contest "Caring For God's Creation" (Grades 7-12)

[Annual Multimedia Youth Contest](#) Creative work of any medium (e.g. video, song, painting, drama, poetry, etc.) is welcome! Entries within the Archdiocese of Seattle must be sent to the Missions Office by March 17, 2016.

From Womb to Tomb: Baptisms and Funerals as Instruments of the New Evangelization

Presented by Timothy Johnston, Director of Liturgical Programs at Marquette University. Participants in this Virtual Workshop will discover how the art of collaboration, prayer, catechesis, and an atmosphere of trust and hospitality can help

you to prepare liturgies that are inviting to those who may be visiting for the first time, or returning to the pews after a long absence. ([Online webinar](#))



Essential Religious Education Concepts

Liturgical Resources: The Liturgical Calendar

The Essential Concepts come from the Table of Contents for the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). They have been re-organized to fit under the Six Tasks of Catechesis. CCC articles numbers associated with each Essential Concept are listed throughout this document. Referencing CCC article numbers is a recommended resource for catechist preparation.

TASK 2 - Liturgical Education- *Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communication with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church*

Implementation Ideas for the Classroom:

Annotated Bibliography from the LMC*

**Please note the Library's Essential Concepts list is a working document, being updated on an ongoing basis.*

Online Resources

The Liturgical Calendar Resource Page-USCCB

The Secretariat of Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. This calendar is used by authors of ordines and other liturgical aids published to foster the celebration of the liturgy in our country.

Liturgical Year Calendar

Interactive liturgical calendar. Click on a season or month to view an overview. Find summaries, family activities, prayers and hymns and more on each season. Each month has specific information such as feast days, saints, recipes and more.

Advent in 2 Minutes

Busted Halo's two-minute video that describes why we celebrate Advent and wait to celebrate Christmas.



Holy Week in 2 Minutes

Busted Halo's two-minute video that describes the final week of Lent we celebrate Easter.



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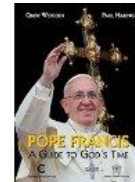
Pentecost in 2 Minutes

Busted Halo's two minute video on the celebration of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church

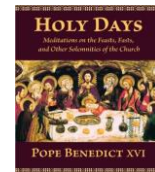


Resources from the LMC for Liturgical Resources: Liturgical Calendar

Pope Francis: A Guide to God's Time (Cindy Wooden) While providing an overview of the liturgical year, it also offers an introduction to the biblical themes Pope Francis sees as being most important for Christians today: the abundance of God's love and mercy; the danger of gossip; and the need to meet people where they are, listen to them and help them. The richly illustrated presentation offers answers to people asking how to pray and how to read the Bible. The guide also responds to the questions: What does Pope Francis say about prayer, mercy and judgment? How does one live a Christian life?



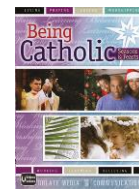
Holy Days: Meditations on the Feasts, Fasts, and Other Solemnities of the Church (Pope Benedict) The feast days in the Church's liturgical calendar follow the major events of Jesus' life as recounted in the Gospels. This cycle gives a rhythm to the life of the Church and helps Christians better understand the divine mystery. Liturgical practices guide and deepen our path, centering our focus on Christ and teaching us how to live. Beginning with Advent and concluding with the feast of Christ the King, Pope Benedict's Holy Days presents excerpts from selected homilies that he has given over the course of the liturgical year in Rome.



The Year and Our Children: Catholic Family Celebrations for Every Season (Mary Reed Newland) For over half a century, Catholic families have treasured the practical piety and homespun wisdom of Mary Reed Newland's classic of domestic spirituality. Enjoy Newland's faithful insights, gentle lessons, and delightful stories. They're all here, and ready to be shared with your family or homeschooling group. Find all the prayers, crafts, family activities, litanies, and recipes that will help make your children ever-mindful of the beautiful rhythm of the Church calendar.



Being Catholic: Seasons and Feasts (DVD, Oblate Media) This program provides a comprehensive presentation of the special days and seasons of the Church year so that students and parents will be better able to participate in the liturgy with understanding. Engaging illustrations help make the subject come alive, and easy to remember. For Confirmation prep, RCIA, and for those of us who just may have forgotten some important ways to participate in the liturgical life of the Church.



Dominga's Wonderful Year (Sandi Yonikus) Dominga invites her friends to discover the meaning of the liturgical seasons and to celebrate the Sundays and feast days from Advent through ordinary time..



Library Media Center Resources of the Week

Check It Out Newsletter-National Bible Week

From November 15-21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week. This newsletter highlights some resources for Bible and Scripture reading. Also featured are several Bible Study Group programs available for your specific group or personal reflection needs.

Bible & Scripture

Books of the Bible and Online Bible Resources



The Catholic Study Bible: The New American

Bible (NABRE) Oxford University Press. This landmark resource, now available in the NABRE translation, contains all the authoritative study notes, expanded essays, and informational sidebars for which it is known and trusted. The heart of this volume remains its extensive Reading Guide that leads the reader through the Scriptures, book by book. References and background information are clearly laid out in the margins of the text, guiding the reader to a fuller understanding of the Bible. The New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) brings to culmination the work of nearly 100 scholars, including translators, editors, and a subcommittee of Catholic bishops who provided extensive review of the biblical text over a period of many years. The NABRE is the first major amendment to the New American Bible translation since 1991.

The Catholic Faith and Family Bible Designed to make the Bible easier to read and understand, helping you and your family grow in faith together as you discover God's message for your life today. This Bible will find a place throughout the whole house-at the dinner table as part of family prayer, on the living room coffee table as part of family discussions, on your bedside table as a source of inspiration and solace, and in your teen's room for learning and guidance.

The Catholic Youth Bible: New American Bible The Catholic Youth Bible will be a true companion, helping you find the answers you seek and helping you make connections to Catholic beliefs and traditions. Over 700 lively articles help you Pray It! Use the Bible for personal prayer. Study It! Understand and make sense of what the Bible says. Live It! Apply the Bible to real-life situations you're facing now. Illustrations throughout to provide a visual context for the biblical stories. Over 275 articles to reflect contemporary issues and biblical scholarship.

The Catholic Children's Bible Children will know and understand God's saving plan revealed through 125 featured story spreads highlighting key Bible passages. Vibrant illustrations and borders immediately engage children and allow them to dive in to Scripture and become immersed in the stories. Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections help bring God's Word to life for the youngest of readers. Unique navigational features designed specifically for early readers help children easily locate passages and stories. Intentional design elements such as fonts built for early readers, increased line spacing, bold vocabulary words, colorized text, minimal hyphenation, and simple column dividers help make this a Bible children can read on their own.

The Saints Devotional Bible This book is an excellent devotional aid for anyone who wants to study Sacred Scripture as well as be encouraged and enlightened by the wisdom of the saints, who intercede for us every day. It includes over 200 readings from the saints, including their own reflections, prayers, letters, and more; the saints' reflections broaden appreciation and understanding of old testament and new testament texts; A twenty-part lesson on studying, praying, and living the Scriptures, with longer selections from the writings of the saints; a calendar of saints and a list of patron saints and a mini-biographies of all the saints whose selections are quoted.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called the special **Jubilee Year for Mercy** to begin Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.



Archdiocese of Seattle Year of Mercy Prayer Card

Here is a [printable prayer card](#) for use in your parish. The prayer card can be printed out using Avery 8387 labels.

Year of Mercy App

Our Sunday Visitor's FREE 365 Days to Mercy app, is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The official Year of Mercy is December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016, but daily inspiration, stories, and news will be in the app beginning November 20, 2015, giving you a full 365 Days to Mercy.



Beginning of the Year of Mercy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2015 | St. James Cathedral | Mass at 5:30 pm | Fr. Michael G. Ryan, Presider

St. James Cathedral Tours

St. James Cathedral is inviting both parishes and school groups to set up visits for the Year of Mercy, which can be just a time of prayer and pilgrimage, or can include a guided tour as well. Corinna Laughlin claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-264-2086

Archdiocesan News

NW Catholic Movie & Book Reviews

Check NW Catholic for the latest reviews on [books](#) and [movies](#)

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Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades provides guest rooms and exceptional meeting facilities in a beautifully secluded but convenient setting for retreats, spiritual growth and professional formation. For more information or to view the upcoming retreats scheduled, visit the Retreat Center [website](#).

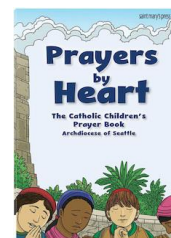


Prayers By Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book

Daily prayers, memorized by heart, are a wonderful way for children to stay close to God. Prayers by Heart: The Catholic Children's Prayer Book, only from Saint Mary's Press, was created to support the Archdiocese of Seattle's Faith Formation Standards and designed to introduce young children to the beautiful prayers of our Catholic faith. Incorporating these prayers and family blessings in their daily life will help children learn to talk to and listen to God while being reminded of how He is always with them, and how much He loves and cares for them.

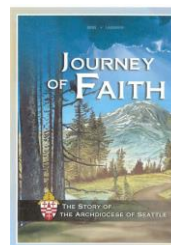
Order copies [here](#)

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Order 25, get 5 more, FREE!!



Journey of Faith: An Illustrated History

Journey of Faith is an extraordinary telling of our remarkable story. With richly-colored illustrations, this history of the Archdiocese of Seattle brings our inspiring Catholic story to life, from the days when thousands of Native peoples called this land holy ground, to the first explorers and missionaries, to the building of our churches and schools, to the present day. The graphic novel format makes it appealing for all ages. To view sample pages and order copies, visit the Faith Formation Events & Resources [webpage](#)



MyUSCCB

This Week in Ministry provides timely content every week formatted for use in a variety of ways: parish bulletins, websites, E-newsletters, social media and more.



Featured This Week (Thirty-third Week of Ordinary Time):

Celebrate National Bible Week during the week of November 15-21 by becoming "bible literate" with this four-page primer. [English](#) [Spanish](#)

Fact of Faith: Daily Scripture Readings This week, Paulist Fr. Larry Rice explains how reading and reflecting on the daily readings for the Mass can add structure to one's spiritual life.

To learn more about MyUSCCB and to sign up for this helpful resource, visit the [USCCB website](#) for more information.

Catechetical Weekly-NCCL

The National Conference of Catechetical Leaders publishes a weekly newsletter following the Six Tasks of Catechesis.



Featured This Week (Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time):

Heavy Hearts and Prayers in the Wake of the Paris Attacks: A Prayer from [Millennial Journal Blog](#)

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Monday, November 16 - [St. Gertrude the Great](#)

Tuesday, November 17 - [St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#)

Wednesday, November 18 - [St. Rose Philippine Duchesne](#)

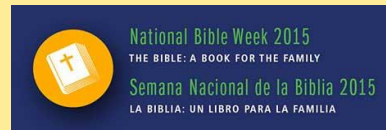
Thursday, November 19 - [St. Agnes of Assisi](#)

For archived newsletters and to learn more about this organization visit the [website](#).

Featured Websites

National Bible Week

Enthroning the Bible in the Family: To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word. For more resources, visit the National Bible Week [page](#).



Los Angeles Religion Education Congress

February 25, 2016 (Youth Day) & February 26-28, 2016

Theme: "Boundless Mercy" | "Misericordia Inagotable"

Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California

<http://www.recongress.org/>



RE Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world.

The four-day event is held at the Anaheim Convention Center and is sponsored by the Los Angeles Office of Religious Education.

Begun in 1968 as an "institute" for religious education (CCD) teachers, RECongress has grown to include people of all vocations and different faiths.

The **World Meeting of Families** website has a new section where [Select Congress Keynote Presentation and Breakout Session Videos](#) can be viewed for free. More videos are planned to be added so check back frequently for new content.



Helpful Links

[21st Century Catholic Evangelization](#)

Serving Catholic leaders in their ministry of evangelization with curated knowledge, approaches, strategies, and resources to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, to re-engage those who have lost a living faith in their daily lives, and to engage those who are faithful and need to be renewed with increased catechesis

[Garaventa Center](#)

The Garaventa Center from the University of Portland explores and deploys the fruits of faith, reason and imagination that constitute the Catholic intellectual tradition to illuminate and enliven something that is implicit but often unregarded: the working of grace in human communities. Weekly podcasts are available by visiting the website or subscribing to their weekly newsletter.

[Catechist Journey](#)

Sharing the Journey of Teaching the Catholic Faith. Joe Paprocki's blog that features practical tips and resources on sharing the gift of the Catholic faith.

[eCatechist](#)

eCatechist.com is a blog from Dan Pierson, that provides ideas, inspiration, and learning resources for catechists, parish catechetical leaders, and parents.

[NACFLAM-National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries](#)

In response to God's word revealed through all generations and impelled by our belief in the intrinsic sacredness of family life we, the members of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, join together to be a prophetic voice for family in Church and society, to foster professional development, and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families.

[TeamRCIA](#)

TeamRCIA.com is a free online resource for Catholic parishes and dioceses that want to form Christians for life. Offers a variety of online and in-person training for church ministers and volunteers, through webinars, e-mail courses, downloads, discussion forums, and training events led by experts in the field of initiation ministry.

[Teaching Catholic Kids](#)

Teaching Catholic Kids is a valuable tool for parents, teachers and catechists. Free downloadable activities and teacher resources are updated each month and made available from the best of Our Sunday Visitor books, workbooks and writers.

[Vibrant Faith at Home](#)

Vibrant Faith @ Home supports Christian leaders and families who are intentional about their faith and religious practice as they raise the next generation of committed Christians.

[Word On Fire](#)

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries is a nonprofit global media apostolate that supports the work of Father Robert Barron and reaches millions of people to draw them into- or back to- the Catholic faith. Word on Fire is evangelical; it proclaims Jesus Christ as the source of conversion and new life. Word on Fire is Catholic; it utilizes the tremendous resources of the Roman Catholic tradition-art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the saints- in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.

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