## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### POSSIBLE DOCTRINAL TOPICS FOR

**LITURGICALLY-BASED CATECHESIS**

### YEAR B

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| **First Sunday of Advent**                  | Is: 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2b-7  
1 Cor 1: 3-9  
Mk 13: 33-37                                  | Advent;  
the Second Coming  
Parousia;  
Liturgical Year                                  |
| **Second Sunday of Advent**                 | Is 40: 1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3: 8-14  
Mk 1: 1-8                                      | Confession of Sins;  
Jesus’ coming - past, present, future  
Conversion  
Nonviolence                                  |
| **Third Sunday of Advent**                  | Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thes 5: 16-24  
Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28                                | Discernment;  
Repentance & Reconciliation;  
Discipleship;  
Eschatology                                  |
| **Fourth Sunday of Advent**                 | 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Rom 16: 25-27  
Lk 1: 26-38                                     | Incarnation;  
Mary, Model of the Church  
Faith;  
Reign of God                                  |
| **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**                             | Gn 15: 1-6;  21:1-3  
Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19  
Lk 2: 22-40 or 22: 39-40                      | 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;  
Theotokos;  
Salvation                                  |
| **Second Sunday After Christmas**           | 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:41+17b / John 1:35-42                  | Sexual Morality;  
Holy Spirit;  
Evangelization;  
Discipleship;  
‘Lamb of God’                                |
| **Epiphany**                                | Is 60: 1-6  
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2: 1-12                                      | Universal Offer of Salvation;  
Ecumenism;  
Missiology;  
Christology                                |
| **Baptism of the Lord**                     | Is 55: 1-11  
1 Jn 5: 1-9  
Mk 1:7-11                                      | Baptism & Mission;  
Trinity;  Holy Spirit;  
Conversion;  
Sacraments                                  |
| **Ash Wednesday**                           | Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18                                | Lent;  
Conversion;  
Fasting;  Abstinence;  
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 9: 8-15**  
1 Pt 3: 18-22  
Mk 1:12-15 | **Baptismal Covenant;**  
**Season of Lent;**  
**Sin;**  
**Grace;**  
**Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**  
*Election – for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil* |
| **Second Sunday of Lent**  
(Penitential Rite for Candidates) | **Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**  
**Rom 8: 31b-34**  
**Mk 9: 2-10** | **Sacrifice; Nonviolence;**  
**Call of Baptism; Paschal Mystery** |
| **Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 20: 1-17  
1 Cor 1: 22-25  
Jn 2: 13-25 | **Faith as a Gift;**  
**Grace & Sin;**  
**Social Dimension of Sin;**  
**Baptism** |
| **Cycle A – First Scrutiny**  
(For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)  
You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect. | **Ex 17:3-7**  
**Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**  
**Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39a, 40-42** | **Grace and Sin**  
**Baptism**  
**Personal Sin**  
**Jesus the Messiah** |
| **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23**  
**Eph 2: 4-10**  
**Jn 3: 14-21** | **Original Sin and Social Sin;**  
**Sin: Personal and Corporate;**  
**Conversion;**  
**Election** |
| **Cycle A – Second Scrutiny**  
(For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)  
You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect. | **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**  
**Jer 31: 31-34**  
**Heb 5:7-9**  
**Jn 12:20-33** | **Paschal Mystery in the Sacraments;**  
**Eternal Life;**  
**Soteriology;**  
**Jesus the Christ** |
| **Cycle A – Third Scrutiny**  
(For those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.)  
You must use the readings of Year A if the parish has Elect. | **Ez 37:12-14**  
**Rom 8:8-11**  
**Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45** | **Paschal Mystery;**  
**Eternal Life;**  
**Baptism;**  
**Cross** |
| **Palm (Passion) Sunday** | **Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16**  
**Is 50:4-7**  
**Phil 2:6-11**  
**Mk 14:1-47** | **Paschal Mystery; Cross; Christ’s Obedience;**  
**Passion & Death of Jesus;**  
**Redemptive Suffering**  
**Gift of Perseverance** |
| **Holy Thursday**  
**Ex 12:1-8, 11-14**  
**1 Cor 11:23-26**  
**Jn 13:1-15** | **Eucharist: Bread and Wine;**  
**Washing of Feet; Priesthood;**  
**Servant Leader;**  
**Cross; Triduum;**  
**Christology;** |
| **Good Friday**  
**Is 52:13 - 53:12**  
**Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9**  
**Jn 18:1 - 19:42** | **Cross; Redemptive Suffering;**  
**Paschal Mystery** |
| **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  
7.Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
8.Rom 6:3-11  
9.Lk 24:1-12 | **Resurrection; Paschal Mystery**  
**Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist;**  
**Community;**  
**Fire/Light/Water/Oil** |
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1 Cor 7: 32-35  
Mk 1: 21-28 | Jesus as Prophet, Teacher and Lord;  
Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation;  
Human Dignity; Ecumenism |
| Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  | Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7  
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1: 29-39 | Evil; Salvation;  
Mystery of Suffering;  
Ministry of Healing |
| Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  | Lv 13: 1-2, 45-46  
1 Cor 10: 31-11, 1  
Mk 1: 40-45 | Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick;  
Healing;  
Dignity of the Human Person |
| Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25  
2 Cor 1: 18-22  
Mk 2: 1-12 | Sacrament of Reconciliation;  
Social Justice;  
Reign of God |
| Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Hos 2: 16b, 17b, 21-22  
2 Cor 3: 1b-6  
Mk 2:18-22 | God’s Fidelity;  
Trust in Spirit;  
Fasting |
| Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Dt 5: 12-15  
2 Cor 4: 6-11  
Mk 2: 23 - 3: 6 | Keeping the Sabbath;  
New Creation;  
The Lord’s Day |
| Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  | Gn 3:9-15  
2 Cor 4: 13- 5: 1  
Mk 3: 20-35 | Sin / Alienation;  
God as Judge;  
Who Is Jesus?  
Blasphemy Against Holy Spirit |
| Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ez 17:22-24  
2 Cor 5: 6-10  
Mk 4: 26-34 | Church; Faith; Hope;  
Final Judgment;  
Reign of God; Hope;  
Evangelization; Conversion |
| Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Jb 38: 1, 8-11  
2 Cor 5: 14-17  
Mk 4: 35-41 | Call; Faith; Paschal Mystery;  
Prayer;  
Grace & Human Freedom;  
Vocation in God; Servanthood;  
Life of John the Baptist;  
Resurrection of Christ |
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5: 21-43 | Sanctity & Dignity of Human Life;  
Resurrection;  
Healing;  
Reign of God |
| Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ez 2: 2-5  
2 Cor 12:7-10  
Mk 6: 1-6 | Prophecy; Prophets;  
Christology;  
Conversion;  
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| Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Am 7: 12-15  
Eph 1: 3-14  
Mk 6:7-13 | Election and Mission;  
Baptismal Call: Priest, Prophet, King;  
Hospitality;  
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| Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Jer 23: 1-6  
Eph 2:13-18  
Mk 6: 30-34 | Pastoral Ministry in the Church;  
Prayer-action-contemplation;  
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Eph 4: 1-6  
Jn 6: 1-15 | Unity of the Church and Ecumenism; Eucharist; Jesus, the Bread of Life; Justice, Social Teaching |
| Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15  
Eph 4: 17, 20-24  
Jn 6: 24-35 | Eucharistic Celebration; Hope and Trust; Jesus, the Messiah; Eschatological Reign of God |
| Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1 Kgs 19: 4-8  
Eph 4:30 – 5: 2  
Jn 6: 41-51 | Eucharist as Sacrifice and Sacrament; Moral Decision Making; Discipleship; Conversion |
| Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Prv 9: 1-6  
Eph 5: 15-20  
Jn 6: 51-58 | The Continuing Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; Symbols of Bread and Wine; Holy Spirit; Genesis of the Church |
| Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
Eph 5: 21-32  
Jn 6: 60-69 | Faith; Liturgy: Word of God; Salvation; Reign of God |
| Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | Principles of Morality; Scripture; Church Structure; Commandments |
| Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 35: 4-7a  
Jas 2: 1-5  
Mk 7: 31-37 | Catholic Social Teaching; Healing; Sacraments of Healing & Reconciliation; Ministry of the Word |
| Twenty-Fourth Sunday I Ordinary Time | Is 50: 5-9a  
Jas 2:14-18  
Mk 8: 27-35 | Profession of Faith; Paschal Mystery; Cross; Mystery of Suffering; Christian Witness |
| Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Wis 2: 12, 17-20  
Jas 3: 16 - 4, 3  
Mk 9:30-37 | The Call to Service; Servanthood; Ministry; Nonviolence; The Cross |
| Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Nm 11: 25-29  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 | Catholic Social Teaching (Economic); Dignity of Human Persons; Vatican II Teachings on Non-Christians; Christian Community; Peace & Unity |
| Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Gn 2: 18-24  
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