**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**POSSIBLE DOCTRINAL TOPICS FOR LITURGICALLY-BASED CATECHESIS**

**YEAR C**

| First Sunday of Advent | Jer 33:14-16  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 | Advent; Parousia; Son of Man; Liturgical Year |
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| Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8) Holy Day of Obligation | Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38 | Immaculate Conception of Mary |
| Second Sunday of Advent | Bar 5:1-9  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6 | Salvation; Redemption; Conversion; Eschatology |
| Third Sunday of Advent | Zep 3:14-18a  
Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18 | Repentance; Kingdom of God; Justice |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45 | Jesus Christ: Fully Human and Fully Divine  
Incarnation; Conversion; Human Life – Sacredness of |
| Christmas | Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14 | Incarnation; Salvation; Manifestation |
| Holy Family | 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52 | Domestic Church; Family as church of the home |
| Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation | Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21 | Mary’s role as disciple; Mary, Mother of God; Mary as model of the Church |
| Epiphany | Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12 | Epiphany; Manifestation; Christology |
| Baptism of the Lord | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Acts 10:34-38 or  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 | Baptism; Trinity; Holy Spirit |
| Ash Wednesday | Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 | Lent; Conversion; Paschal Mystery; Reconciliation |
| First Sunday of Lent | Dt 26:4-10  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13 | Conversion; Sin; Paschal Mystery; Reconciliation |

*Election – for those being baptized at the Easter Vigil*
| Second Sunday of Lent  
(Penitential Rite for Candidates) | Gn 15:5-12, 17-18  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
Phil 3:20-4:1  
Lk 9:28b-36 | Cross;  
Conversion;  
Paschal Mystery |
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| Third Sunday of Lent  
| Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
Lk 13:1-9 | Repentance;  
Kingdom;  
Image of God |
| 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, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 | Grace and Sin  
Baptism  
Personal Sin  
Jesus the Messiah |
| Fourth Sunday of Lent | Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 | Sacrament of Penance;  
Grace;  
Sin |
| 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 | Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11 | Forgiveness;  
Redemption;  
Reconciliation |
| 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 |
| Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) | Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 | Cross;  
Paschal Mystery;  
Redempive suffering |
| Holy Thursday | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Jn 13:1-15 | Eucharist –bread and wine;  
Washing of Feet;  
Covenant;  
Service;  
Charity;  
Triduum |
| Good Friday | Is 52:13 - 53:12  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1 - 19:42 | Cross;  
Redemptive Suffering;  
Christology |
| Easter Vigil/Easter | Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a  
Gn 22:1-18  
Ex 14:15-15:1  
Is 54:5-14  
Is 55:1-11  
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Rom 6:3-11  
Lk 24:1-12 | Resurrection;  
Paschal Mystery;  
Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist  
Creation;  
Salvation history;  
Christian Witness |
| Second Sunday of Easter  
The Easter Season is dedicated to Mystagogy for the neophytes and the entire community of faith. It is a time when the Christian community deepens their understanding of the Paschal Mystery. | Acts 5:12-16  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
Jn 20:19-31 | Death/Resurrection/Paschal Mystery;  
Sacraments;  
Mystery of the Church;  
Faith |
| Third Sunday of Easter | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  
Rv 5:11-14  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 | Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist  
Eucharist: source and summit of Christian life, mission, Sacrament;  
Symbols of water, oil, bread and wine;  
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