

# PROJECT NAZARETH

FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



## ROADMAP

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# SACRED MYSTERIES

## LECTIONARY-BASED SERIES

August 22, 2021 to June 5, 2022 | 21st Week in Ordinary Time to Pentecost

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | The Word of Life

- We hear Jesus' Word in the Bible.
- We choose to follow Jesus' Word even if others do not.
- We ask the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus' Word.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Jesus Teaches the Law

- God's law is more important than human laws.
- We can love others by practicing virtues.
- To love someone is to intend the good for another.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Messianic Signs

- Jesus gave signs to show He was the Messiah the Israelites awaited.
- Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith.
- We confess faith in Jesus, the Messiah, to foster faith in others.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | The Messiah's Path

- Like Peter, we are called to recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- We are called to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus.
- Taking up our cross involves being selfless.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | The Last shall be First

- Disciples of Jesus imitate Jesus, their teacher.
- Disciples of Jesus do not think of themselves first.
- Disciples of Jesus serve others.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | The Spirit Guides Us

- God sent us His Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit helps us do good and avoid evil.
- Doing good and avoiding evil is part of our journey to Heaven.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Vocation of Marriage

- A sacramental marriage is a vocation.
- Marriage is a life-long bond between one man and one woman.
- The Sacrament gives the couple grace to live their vocation.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Vocation of Religious Life

- Religious life is a vocation.
- Religious life is an extraordinary way to follow Christ.
- Religious men and women give up everything for God.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Vocation of Priesthood

- Priesthood is a vocation.
- Like Jesus, priests serve others.
- Like Jesus, priests offer sacrifice.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Faith

- Faith is a choice.
- Faith is a grace.
- Faith starts our journey to Heaven.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | The Commandment to Love

- We were made for love.
- You shall love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Giving to God

- Everything we have is a gift from God.
- We offer God what we have in thanksgiving for His gifts.
- God blesses our gift and generously gives back.

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | End of Time

- Nobody knows when the end of time is.
- The Kingdom of God will come in its fullness at the end of time.
- We await a new Heaven and new Earth.

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Year B | Jesus' Kingship

- Jesus is King of the universe.
- Jesus' kingdom is the kingdom of Heaven.
- Jesus is King forever.

### 1st Sunday of Advent | Year C | Two Comings

- Jesus, the Messiah, was long-awaited.
- Jesus will come again at the end of time.
- During Advent, we remember and prepare for His coming.

### 2nd Sunday of Advent | Year C | Preparing for Jesus

- We prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.
- Repent from sin.
- Joyfully receive forgiveness.

### 3rd Sunday of Advent | Year C | Rejoice!

- God rejoices to be near us.
- John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus' coming.
- We rejoice to be near Jesus.

### 4th Sunday of Advent | Year C | The Incarnation

- The Incarnation is when the Son of God assumed a human nature.
- God willed the Incarnation.
- Mary chose to have faith in God's will.

### The Nativity of Our Lord | Year ABC | Christmas Vigil

- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- The Incarnation is when God became man in the person of Jesus.
- Mary and Joseph raised Jesus in Nazareth when He was a child.

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Year C | School of Nazareth

- The hidden life of the Holy Family was an ordinary life.
- Joseph and Mary are models for all parents.
- Jesus shows children how to honor their parents.

### Mary, Mother of God | Year C | Theotokos

- God promises to bless His people.
- Through Mary, God gives us His greatest blessing: Jesus.
- Mary becomes the Mother of God by being the Mother of Jesus.

### Epiphany of the Lord | Year C | The Magi

- The prophets foretold Jesus would bring salvation to all humankind.
- The Magi represent the whole world being drawn to Jesus.
- Like the Magi, we are called to worship and give gifts to Jesus.

### Baptism of the Lord | Year C | Grace & Baptism

- Grace is a participation in the life of God.
- Jesus brought grace into our lives through His death and resurrection.
- Baptism gives us grace and makes us members of the Church.

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | The Wedding Feast

- All of God's people make up the Church.
- God uses the image of marriage to show His love for the Church.
- God often refers to Heaven as a wedding feast.

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | The Sabbath

- God established a day rest and worship.
- We remember the resurrection of Jesus and rejoice on Sunday.
- We rejoice and worship God at Mass.

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | The Truth

- Jesus spoke the truth.
- The truth is challenging and not everyone will receive it well.
- We are called to speak the truth like Jesus and He will help us.

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Discipleship

- Disciples are followers of Jesus.
- Disciples put Jesus first because He is their greatest love.
- Disciples choose to leave things behind to follow Jesus.

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Joys and Sorrows

- We remember that the joys and sorrows of Earth are temporary.
- The joys of Heaven and sorrows of Hell are eternal.
- Putting our trust in God helps us keep our focus on what is eternal.

#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Loving Others

- God loves us.
- God asks us to imitate His love.
- We love others even when it is hard.

#### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Virtues

- Virtue is a habit of choosing what is right.
- Growing in virtue is part of following Jesus.
- Practicing virtue makes us think and act more like God.

#### 1st Week of Lent | Year C | Temptation

- Temptation is an urge to sin.
- Everyone experiences temptation, including Jesus.
- We can always trust God, even when we doubt or are tempted.

#### 2nd Week of Lent | Year C | Resurrection & Transfiguration

- Jesus' Transfiguration foreshadowed His glory after His Passion.
- We unite our suffering to Jesus and share in His resurrection.
- In the final resurrection, our bodies will be glorified too.

#### 3rd Week of Lent | Year C | Sin & Penance

- Earthly pain is not God's punishment for sin.
- Our actions will be judged after we die.
- We can repent from sin and do penance now.

#### 4th Week of Lent | Year C | Sin & Mercy

- Mercy is the desire to alleviate the suffering of another.
- Sin causes suffering.
- God shows us mercy and eases the consequences of sin.

#### 5th Week of Lent | Year C | Merciful Judge

- We are all sinners.
- God is a merciful judge.
- God desires we turn towards Him and away from sin.

#### Palm Sunday | Year C | Passion Sunday

- Jesus died on a cross but was raised from the dead.
- The cross is a sign of hope for us.
- We make the Sign of the Cross to remember this hope.

#### Easter Sunday | Year C | Meaning of Resurrection

- Jesus rose from the dead after three days.
- Jesus' resurrection shows He conquered death.
- His resurrection makes our resurrection possible.

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter | Year C | Thomas & Faith

- The Resurrection means Jesus rose to eternal life.
- Jesus worked signs to show He was alive and He was God.
- Faith is saying "yes" to the truth God reveals.

#### 3rd Week of Easter | Year C | Apostle's Faith

- Jesus' appearances strengthened the apostles' faith.
- The apostles' faith is the foundation of the Church.
- The apostles' faith is the foundation of our faith.

#### 4th Week of Easter | Year C | Good Shepherd Sunday

- We are the Father's flock.
- Jesus is our Shepherd.
- The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are one God.

5th Week of Easter | Year C | Virtue of Charity

- Charity is the virtue of loving others.
- Jesus loved us so much that everything He did was for us.
- Jesus asks us to practice charity like Him.

6th Week of Easter | Year C | Promise of the Spirit

- The Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son.
- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help us.
- The Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in the Eucharist.

7th Week of Easter | Year C | Marks of the Church

- The Church has four characteristics.
- The Church is catholic and apostolic.
- The Church is one and holy.

Pentecost (Mass during the Day) | Year C | The Sanctifier

- The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost.
- The Holy Spirit sanctifies us.
- The Church is holy.

# THE GOOD NEWS

## Creation, The Fall, Redemption, and New Life

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### CREATION

#### Week 1 | God Exists

- There is one God in three persons.
- God knows everything, can do anything, and is always with you.
- This God loves you; you can trust God like a father.

#### Week 2 | Creation is Good

- God created everything.
- God's creation is good and He provides for His creatures.
- God's creation teaches us about Him.

#### Week 3 | Created in God's Image

- We have a soul.
- We are all equal in dignity.
- We are able to have a relationship with God.

#### Week 4 | Created for Heaven

- God created us to be in relationship with Him.
- We grow in that relationship during our earthly life.
- We will be with Him perfectly in Heaven forever.

### THE FALL

#### Week 1 | Original Sin

- We are free to choose what is wrong.
- Adam and Eve made the wrong choice.
- They did not trust God. Instead, they trusted themselves.

#### Week 2 | Effects of Original Sin

- It is now hard to know what is true and choose what is right.
- Sometimes we choose the wrong thing.
- We need someone to teach us right and wrong, and choose the right.

#### Week 3 | Personal Sin

- Sin creates a separation between us and God.
- It brings pain and suffering to us and others.
- We need someone to reconcile us with God.

#### Week 4 | Hope

- God promised to save us right after the fall.
- He sent many great leaders and prophets to help people return to Him.
- God promised to send a Messiah to save everyone.

### REDEMPTION

#### Week 1 | The Word Became Flesh

- God became a man and was born of Mary.
- We celebrate His birth on Christmas.
- Jesus preformed many miracles and taught us many things about God.

#### Week 2 | The Lamb of God

- Jesus chose to accept death in our place the night of the Last Supper.
- Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried.
- He rose from the dead and won salvation for us.

#### Week 3 | He is Risen!

- Jesus conquered death in the Resurrection.
- He appeared to many of His followers.
- They could see, hear, touch, and eat with Him.

#### Week 4 | Come Follow Me

- He ascended to Heaven.
- Jesus continues to call people to follow Him after the resurrection.
- Jesus is still alive and wants us to be His disciples and follow Him too.

### **NEW LIFE**

#### Week 1 | Conversion

- We can choose to be Jesus' disciple and friend.
- We try our best to live as Jesus taught us.
- Jesus promises us forgiveness when we repent from our sins.

#### Week 2 | Jesus Is With Us

- Like a good friend, Jesus is still with us.
- We meet Him when we pray, in the Bible, and in other people.
- We also meet Him in a special way in the Sacraments.

#### Week 3 | The Holy Spirit

- Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to follow Him.
- The Holy Spirit gives us all gifts to help other people follow Jesus too.

#### Week 4 | Our Mission

- Jesus gave the Church a mission before He went up to Heaven.
- Our mission is to help others follow Him.
- With prayer and practice, we should live out this mission every day.

## **THE EUCHARIST MICROSERIES**

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#### Week 1 | Manna and the Bread of Life

- God provides for His people.
- We need more than physical food.
- Jesus is the bread of life, bread from heaven that feeds our souls.

#### Week 2 | Passover and the Last Supper

- God leads us from slavery to freedom.
- Gaining freedom involves sacrifice.
- Our sacrifices are united and given to God through ritual celebrations.

#### Week 3 | The Road to Emmaus and the Mass

- Jesus shows us how the Bible is about Him.
- The risen Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
- We encounter Jesus through Scripture and the Eucharist at Mass.

#### Week 4 | The Great Commission and the Dismissal

- Jesus wants us to bring God's love to the world.
- He is "with us always" in the Eucharist.
- We are "re-commissioned" at the end of every Mass.

## SAINT JOSEPH MICROSERIES

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### Week 1 | Descendent of David

- Joseph was a descendent of David and Adam.
- Joseph was a faithful Jew who was awaiting the Savior.
- Joseph trusted God and did His will.

### Week 2 | Spouse of Mary & Foster Father of Jesus

- Saint Joseph was the protector and provider of Mary and Jesus.
- As the head of the household, Joseph named Jesus.
- Joseph taught Jesus how to be a man.

### Week 3 | Model of Holiness

- Joseph had faith in God's plan even when he did not understand it.
- Saint Joseph is an example of silent listening to God.
- Saint Joseph's work was an expression of love.

### Week 4 | Patron Saint

- A patron saint intercedes (prays) for us.
- Saint Joseph is the patron of the universal Church.
- Saint Joseph is the patron of workers.

## OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS MICROSERIES

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### Week 1 | God's Love

- God loves all of us.
- Out of His love, He gives us the gift of life.
- Each one of us is made in God's own image and likeness.

### Week 2 | Love Others

- God wants us to love ourselves and others like He loves us.
- As Christians, we are called to love our brothers and sisters from all races and ethnicities.
- We can build strong relationships with others by getting to know who they are.

### Week 3 | Evils of Racism

- Racism is when a person thinks his or her race or ethnicity is better than that of someone else.
- We need to courageously oppose racism wherever we find it.
- To act with justice includes personal growth and speaking up for what is right.

### Week 4 | God's Family

- There are people from many races and ethnicities within the Catholic Church.
- Especially as Catholics, it is important to know and respect others who are from different races and ethnicities.
- Getting to know others from different races and ethnicities is one way we can work against the evils of racism.