

# PROJECT NAZARETH

FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



## ROADMAP

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# SACRED MYSTERIES

Lectionary-Based Series  
27th-38th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A  
1st-4th Week in Advent | Year B

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27th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Parable of the Tenants

- People often reject God's prophets, even His own Son, Jesus.
- Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church.
- We are the living stones of the Church that bear fruit in the world.

28th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Wedding Feast

- God invites us to a great celebration of our loving relationship with Him.
- On Earth, we experience this reality best at Mass.
- Heaven will be an eternal celebration of this love.

29th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | Paying Taxes to the Emperor

- The Pharisees often try to trap Jesus to get him in trouble.
- Jesus says that our primary duty is to serve God.
- We also have a secondary duty to follow others who are in charge.

30th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Greatest Commandment

- Loving God with everything we have is the most important thing.
- We love others like ourselves by wanting what is best for them.
- The best thing we can do for others is to help them love God fully.

31st Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Sermon on the Mount

- The "Sermon on the Mount" is when Jesus taught us on a mountain.
- We call this first part of the sermon "The Beatitudes."
- There are eight beatitudes.

32nd Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Parable of the Ten Virgins

- Jesus will come back again someday.
- We don't know when He is coming back.
- We need to be ready for when He comes.

33rd Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Parable of the Talents

- God gives us many gifts.
- It is up to us to use those gifts well.
- We should use our gifts to glorify God.

34th Week in Ordinary Time | Year A | The Judgement of the Nations

- Jesus is the "King of kings."
- Those who serve Jesus will inherit His kingdom.
- We serve Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned.

1st Sunday of Advent | Year B | Need for Watchfulness

- "Advent" is the season when we get ready for Christmas.
- We "watch" for Jesus' coming at Christmas.
- We also "watch" for when Jesus will come again.

2nd Sunday of Advent | Year B | The Preaching of John the Baptist

- John the Baptist helps people prepare for Jesus.
- John's baptism was a symbol of repentance.
- Jesus is more important than John, and brings us the Holy Spirit.

3rd Sunday of Advent | Year B | John the Baptist's Testimony to Himself

- The Pharisees tested John the Baptist.
- John says that he is not the Messiah.
- He says that the Messiah (Jesus) is coming after him.

4th Sunday of Advent | Year B | Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

- The angel Gabriel came to visit Mary.
- Gabriel tells Mary that God wants her to be Jesus' mother.
- Mary says "yes" and becomes Jesus' mother.

# 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.
- God loves you and is worthy of your love and trust.

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

- Our relationship with God is our purpose.
- 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, but 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 show us how to choose what's 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 once and for all.

## 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

- Jesus continues to call people to follow Him after the Resurrection. We call them disciples.
- Jesus encountered Peter, Thomas, and others to help them follow Him.
- 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.
- Jesus promises us forgiveness when we repent from our sins.
- We try our best to live like Jesus taught us.

#### 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**

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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.