

# Annotated Lectionary Key

## Grade 6

### 1 Advent

11/28/04 12/02/07

- (A) Isaiah 2:1-5 (God's kingdom of peace)  
Romans 13:11-14 (Promise of salvation)  
Matthew 24:37-44 (Prepare for the Lord's coming.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss what Isaiah means when he talks about "walking in the light of the Lord."

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- (B) Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 (The potter and the clay)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God has called us.)  
Mark 13:33-37 (Stay awake!)  
**Notes for discussion:** Saint Paul says Jesus will keep us without sin until the last day. Ask the students to offer their views as to what that might mean.

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- (C) Jeremiah 33:14-16 (God's promise fulfilled)  
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 (Christ will strengthen us.)  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (Salvation is at hand.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if the kind of love Saint Paul is talking about is something they can have in their own lives.

### 2 Advent

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- (A) Isaiah 11:1-10 (The root of Jesse)  
Romans 15:4-9 (Jesus is our hope.)  
Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "What do you think John the Baptist meant by 'Prepare a way for the Lord and make straight his paths?'"

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- (B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (Prepare the way of the Lord.)  
2 Peter 3:8-14 (New Heavens, new earth)  
Mark 1:4-8 (John the Baptist)  
**Notes for discussion:** Knowing what the word "baptize" means, ask the students what "baptizing with the Holy Spirit" could possibly mean.

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- (C) Baruch 5:1-9 (The new Jerusalem)  
Philippians 1:3-4,8-11 (The day of Christ)  
Luke: 3:1-4 (John the Baptist)  
**Notes for discussion:** You may wish to read Isaiah 40 with the students, which is quoted in Luke's Gospel.

### 3 Advent

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- (A) Isaiah 35:1-4,10 (God saves us.)  
James 5:7-10 (Be patient.)  
Matthew 11:2-11 (Are you the One?)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus never said a direct "yes" to John's question if he were the Messiah, but he did answer John. Ask: "how did his answer reveal who he was?"

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- (B) Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 (The Lord's anointed)  
Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Rejoice!)  
John 1:68,19-28 (A man called John)

**Notes for discussion:** Talk about: "Why was John baptizing?"

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- (C) Zephaniah 3:14-18 (Shout for joy!)  
Philippians 4:4-7 (The Lord is near.)  
Luke 3:10-18 (John's preaching)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "According to John, with what would the Messiah baptize? What might this mean?"

### 4 Advent

12/19/04 12/23/07

- (A) Isaiah 7:10-14 (Emmanuel)  
Romans 1:1-7 (Son of David)  
Matthew 1:18-24 (Joseph's dream)  
**Notes for discussion:** This Gospel describes Joseph as a man of honor. Ask how Joseph showed this trait.

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- (B) 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 (The kingdom of David)  
Romans 16:25-27 (The Good News)  
Luke 1:26-38 (The Annunciation)  
**Notes for discussion:** Since Mary was not yet married to Joseph, she asked the angel how she could have a Son. Ask what was the angel's answer.

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- (C) Micah 5:1-4 (Out of Bethlehem)  
Hebrews 10:5-10 (Here I am!)  
Luke 1:39-44 (The Visitation)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about: "What do you learn about Mary from her visit to Elizabeth's home?"

### The Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 (Honor your parents.)  
Colossians 3:12-21 (Put on love.)

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- (A) Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (The flight into Egypt)

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- (B) Luke 2:22-40 (The presentation)

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- (C) Luke 2:41-52 (The finding in the Temple)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "When were Jesus, Mary and Joseph able to leave Egypt and return to Israel?"

### The Epiphany of the Lord

(A) 1/02/05 1/06/08  
(B) 1/05/03 1/08/06  
(C) 1/04/04 1/08/07

Isaiah 60:1-4 (The glory of the Lord)  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (The mystery of Christ)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask who the Wise Men were searching for. Answer by using the words from this Sunday's Gospel.

### The Baptism of the Lord

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- (A) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (Here is my servant.)  
Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's preaching)  
Matthew 3:13-17 (The baptism of Jesus)

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- (B) Isaiah 55: 1-11 (Come to the water)  
I John 5: 1-9 (Spirit, water, blood)  
Mark 1:7-11 (The baptism of Jesus)

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- (C) Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (The glory of the Lord)  
Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7 (The blessed hope)  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (The baptism of Jesus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read the account of Jesus' baptism. Discuss whether Jesus was a Catholic or a Jew.

### 1 Lent

2/13/05 2/10/08

- (A) Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (Creation and the Fall)  
Romans 5:12-19 (God's grace)  
Matthew 4:1-11 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the meaning of the last temptation in this week's reading.

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- (B) Genesis 9:8-15 (God's promise to Noah)  
I Peter 3:18-22 (A sign of Baptism)  
Mark 1:12-15 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "When, after fasting for 40 days, Jesus began his mission, what was his main message? Where else does the number 40 have importance in the Bible?"

2/29/04 2/25/07

- (C) Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (The faith of God's People)  
Romans 10:8-13 (Our profession of faith)  
Luke 4:1-13 (The temptation in the desert)  
**Notes for discussion:** Determine the lesson Jesus taught in his answer to the first temptation.

### 2 Lent

2/20/05 2/17/08

- (A) Genesis 12:1-4 (The call of Abraham)  
2 Timothy 1:8-10 (God's call)  
Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about possible reasons for Jesus telling his disciples not to say anything about the Transfiguration until after his resurrection.

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- (B) Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 (Abraham's sacrifice)  
Romans 8:31-34 (Jesus pleads for us.)  
Mark 9:2-10 (The Transfiguration)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss how Peter would have recognized Moses and Elijah in the Transfiguration.

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- (C) Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 (The covenant with Abraham)  
Philippians 3:17-4:1 (We will be transfigured.)  
Luke 9:28-36 (The Transfiguration)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the other two persons with Jesus during the Transfiguration and their possible importance.

### 3 Lent

2/27/05 2/24/08

- (A) Exodus 17:3-7 (Water from the rock)  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (The Holy Spirit)  
John 4:5-42 (The Samaritan woman)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why did Jesus reveal himself so clearly as the Messiah to this woman?"

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- (B) Exodus 20:1-17 (The giving of the Law)  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (The crucified Christ)  
John 2:13-25 (Jesus and the Temple)  
**Notes for discussion:** Read the last verse of this Gospel, and have the students tell what they think it means.

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- (C) Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 (The burning bush)  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 (Moses)  
Luke 13:1-9 (Parable of the fig tree)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to try to find personal meaning in the fig tree parable.

### 4 Lent

3/06/05 3/02/08

- (A) 1 Samuel 16:6-7,10-13 (The way God sees)  
Ephesians 5:8-14 (The light of Christ)  
John 9:1-4 (The man born blind)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about why this man was born blind: because of a sin or for some purpose?

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- (B) 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 (Return from exile)  
Ephesians 2:4-10 (God gives us life.)  
John 3:14-21 (In water and spirit)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask what it means to be "born again."

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- (C) Joshua 5:9-12 (The Passover)  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (A new creation)  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32 (The prodigal son)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they think it was wise for Jesus to "welcome sinners" and to eat with them. Why or why not?

### 5 Lent

3/13/05 3/09/08

- (A) Ezekiel 37:12-14 (The Spirit of life)  
Romans 8:8-11 (God raised Jesus.)  
John 11: 1-45 (The raising of Lazarus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the prayer Jesus said before raising Lazarus from the dead. Ask the students what they think it might mean.

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- (B) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (A new covenant)  
Hebrews 5:7-9 (Christ's obedience)  
John 12:20-30 (The grain of wheat)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss Jesus' statement: "If anyone serves me, my Father will honor him."

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- (C) Isaiah 43:16-21 (I feed my People)  
Philippians 3:8-14 (The prize is Jesus.)  
John 8:1-11 (The woman taken in adultery)  
**Notes for discussion:** In the story of Jesus forgiving the woman, he teaches us not to judge others. Ask the students if they can think of ways people judge others all the time.

### Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

- Isaiah 50:4-7 (The Lord comes to my help.)  
Philippians 2:6-11 (Jesus Christ is Lord.)  
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(A) Matthew 26:14-27:66 (The Passion)

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(B) Mark 14:1-15:47 (The Passion)

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(C) Luke 22:14-23:56 (The Passion)  
**Notes for discussion:** Christ prayed that the Father's will, not his own, be done. Ask each person to think of a time when he or she has done the same.

### Easter Sunday

(A) 4/27/05                      3/23/08  
(B) 4/20/03                      4/16/06  
(C) 4/11/04                      4/08/07  
Acts 10:34, 37-43 (Peter preaches the resurrection.)  
Colossians 3:1-4 (The life of Christ in us)  
John 20:1-9 (The empty tomb)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the empty tomb. Ask what it means to the students.

### 2 Easter

4/03/05                      3/30/08  
(A) Acts 2:42-47 (The Christian community)  
1 Peter 1:3-9 (God raised Jesus to new life.)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the Holy Spirit. Ask the students to make a list of everything they know about the Spirit.

4/27/03                      4/23/06  
(B) Acts 4:32-35 (The Christian community)  
1 John 5:1-6 (Love God and believe.)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask for possible reasons why Jesus breathed on the Apostles to give them the Holy Spirit.

4/18/04                      4/15/07  
(C) Acts 5:12-16 (Signs and wonders)  
Revelation 1:9-13,17-19 (The Alpha and Omega)  
John 20:19-31 (Jesus and Thomas)  
**Notes for discussion:** After reading Acts, ask why some people hoped that at least the shadow of Peter would fall on them.

### 3 Easter

4/10/05                      4/6/08  
(A) Acts 2:14, 22-23 (Peter's preaching)  
1 Peter 1:17-21 (The blood of the Lamb)  
Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus)  
**Notes for discussion:** In this Gospel, the Risen Christ explains that he was supposed to suffer and die. Ask the students why this makes sense.

5/04/03                      4/30/06  
(B) Acts 3:13-15,17-19 (Peter's preaching)  
1 John 2:1-5 (Jesus is our sacrifice)  
Luke 24:35-48 (Jesus fulfill the Scriptures.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask why Jesus wanted something to eat. Was it because he was hungry?

4/25/04                      4/22/07  
(C) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 (We are witnesses.)  
Revelation 5:11-14 (Glory to the Lamb)  
John 21:1-19 (Jesus and Peter)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "why do you think Jesus took Peter aside to talk to him?"

### 4 Easter

4/17/05                      4/13/08  
(A) Acts 2:14, 36-41 (Repent and be baptized.)  
1 Peter 2:20-25 (Christ died for us.)  
John 10:1-10 (The sheepfold)  
**Notes for discussion:** In this Gospel, Jesus says everyone who enters the sheepfold through him will be safe and sure of finding pasture. Have the students discuss what it means to them to be "safe."

5/11/03                      5/07/06  
(B) Acts 4:8-12 (The cornerstone)  
1 John 3:1-2 (We are children of God.)  
John 10:11-18 (The Good Shepherd)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells us that he gave up his life willingly, and that no one took it from him. Ask why Jesus might want to make such a sacrifice.

5/02/04                      4/29/07  
(C) Acts 13:1-4, 43-52 (Paul and Barnabas)  
Revelation 7:9,14-17 (Those who are saved)  
John 10:27-30 (I know my sheep.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus says he knows his sheep and they follow him. What does he give his sheep?

### 5 Easter

4/24/05                      4/20/08  
(A) Acts 6:1-7 (Election of Stephen)  
1 Peter 2:4-9 (You are God's People.)  
John 14:1-12 (I am the Way.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus calls himself the Way, the Truth and the Life. Ask what calling Jesus "the Truth" means.

5/18/03                      5/14/06  
(B) Acts 9:26-31 (Saul's conversion)  
1 John 3:18-24 (Love one another.)  
John 15:1-8 (I am the Vine.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells us that we have life only through him. Ask what kind of life Jesus is talking about. Read the Gospel for clues.

5/09/04                      5/06/07  
(C) Acts 14:21-27 (The first missionaries)  
Revelation 21:1-5 (New heaven, new earth)  
John 13:31-35 (The new commandment)  
**Notes for discussion:** We already have the Ten Commandments, but here Jesus gives us a new one. Ask how it is different.

### 6 Easter

5/01/05                      4/27/08  
(A) Acts 8:5-8,14-17 (The Church's mission)  
1 Peter 3:15-18 (The meaning of suffering)  
John 14:15-21 (The promise of the Spirit)  
**Notes for discussion:** So that the disciples (us) would not be alone after he returns to the Father, Jesus promises to ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit. Ask why Jesus calls the Spirit the "Spirit of Truth."

5/25/03                      5/21/06  
(B) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (Baptism of the Spirit)  
1 John 4:7-10 (God is love.)  
John 15:9-17 (You are my friends.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus urges us to keep his commandments and remain in his love. Ask what happens if we do as Christ asks us.

5/16/04                      5/13/07



1/18/04  
(C) Isaiah 62:1-5 (God and Zion)  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (Gifts of the Spirit)  
John 2:1-11 (The wedding in Cana)  
**Notes for discussion:** Discuss how Jesus came to do his first public miracle.

### 3 Ordinary

1/23/05  
(A) Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (A great light)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 (To preach Good News)  
Matthew 4:12-23 (Call of the disciples)  
**Notes for discussion:** The Gospel says James and John were working with their father repairing nets when Jesus called them. They went with him at once. As how hard it might have been for those brothers to do so.

1/26/03  
(B) Jonah 3:1-5,10 (A message of conversion)  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Live for the kingdom)  
Mark 1:14-20 (Repent and believe.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think these two pairs of brothers Jesus called to be disciples joined Jesus so easily.

1/25/04  
(C) Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (The reading of the Torah)  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (The Body of Christ)  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (Jesus fulfills the Scriptures.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Have the students read the first four verses of the Gospel and see if they can explain why Luke wrote the Gospel.

### 4 Ordinary

1/30/05  
(A) Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (Seek the Lord.)  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (God has chosen you.)  
Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to look again at the Beatitudes and to see how they can apply the Beatitudes to their daily living.

(2003 see *Presentation of the Lord*)  
(B) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (The Word of the Lord)  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (Dedication to ministry)  
Mark 1:21-28 (Teaching with authority)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about the authority Jesus shows in the Gospel.

2/01/04  
(C) Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 (The call of the prophet)  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (The gift of love)  
Luke 4:21-30 (Jesus, the greatest prophet)  
**Notes for discussion:** Why were the townspeople so angry with Jesus? What did he say that caused this reaction?

### Presentation of the Lord

2/02/03  
(B) Malachi 3:1-4 (The Lord you seek)  
Hebrews 2:14-18 (Jesus became like us.)  
Luke 2:22-40 (Simeon sees salvation in Christ.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Because he was tested through what he suffered, Jesus is able to help us when we are tested. How does Jesus help you in your troubles?

### 5 Ordinary

2/06/05  
(A) Isaiah 58:7-10 (Your light will shine.)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (Proclaim Christ crucified.)  
Matthew 5:13-16 (You are the light of the world.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to explain the elements of the Gospel including the salt, the lamp, and the good works.

2/09/03  
(B) Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Ultimate questions)  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (For the sake of the Gospel)  
Mark 1:29-39 (Miraculous cures)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think Jesus often got up so early and went off to a place to pray.

2/08/04  
(C) Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's vision of heaven)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (The Christian message)  
Luke 5:1-11 (The call of Peter, James, and John)  
**Notes for discussion:** After reading the Gospel, ask the students to detail all the reasons why the disciples were so overcome by that catch of fish.

### 6 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)  
(A) Sirach 15:15-20 (Keep the commandments.)  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (God's wisdom)  
Matthew 5:17-37 (The new Law)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus asks us not to come to worship if we are holding anger against someone, but to first reconcile with that person. Ask why Jesus is so serious about this.

2/16/03  
(B) Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (The unclean)  
1 Corinthians 10:3-11:1 (Christian models)  
Mark 1:40-45 (Cure of the leper)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why they think Jesus told the leper not to say anything about being cured.

2/15/04  
(C) Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Trust in the Lord.)  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 (Our faith in Christ)  
Luke 6:17, 20-26 (Blessed are the poor.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to compare the "blessed are you" statements with the "woe to you" statements and see what message they come up with for their own lives.

### 7 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)  
(A) Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 (Be holy.)  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (You are temples of the Spirit.)  
Matthew 5:38-48 (Be perfect.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to try to make sense out of "loving your enemies" and "praying for those who harm you."

2/23/03  
(B) Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25 (God's new deeds)  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Christ is always Yes.)  
Mark 2:1-12 (Jesus forgives sins.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask for possible reasons why Jesus first forgave the sins of the paralytic rather than cure him.

2/22/04

2/18/07

(C) 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13, 22-23 (David forgives Saul.)

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (Made in God's image)

Luke 6:27-38 (Be merciful.)

**Notes for discussion:** Help the students see what is so radical about Jesus' idea of love.

## 8 Ordinary

(not in 2005 or 2008)

(A) Isaiah 49:14-15 (I will not forget you.)

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (The Lord is my judge.)

Matthew 6:24-34 (God's providence)

**Notes for discussion:** Discuss the Gospel teaching: Seek first the kingdom of God and all the other things you need will be given to you as well. Ask the question: "Can you believe this?"

3/02/03

2/26/06

(B) Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22 (Faithfulness)

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (You are a letter from Christ.)

Mark 2:18-22 (New wineskins)

**Notes for discussion:** Guide the students to compare and contrast "physical" fasting and "spiritual" fasting.

(not in 2004 or 2007)

(C) Sirach 27:4-7 (Judge by what you see and hear.)

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (Victory in Christ)

Luke 6:39-45 (Judge the tree by its fruit)

**Notes for discussion:** The Gospel says a lot about judging other people. Jesus says our own faults are greater than the ones we criticize in others. Ask the students why it is so hard to see our own faults.

## 9 Ordinary

(not in 2005)

6/01/08

(A) Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28,32 (Keep the Law.)

Romans 3:21-25, 28 (Justified by faith)

Matthew 7:21-27 (The house built on rock)

**Notes for discussion:** What did Jesus consider more important: being able to work miracles in his name or hearing and acting on his words?

(not in 2003 or 2006)

(B) Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Observe the Sabbath.)

2 Corinthians 4:6-11 (Treasure in clay)

Mark 2:23-3:6 (Jesus and the Sabbath)

**Notes for discussion:** In many of Jesus' miracles, there were often a few people who were not happy about what he did. Read Mark 3: 1-6 and have the students discuss why the Pharisees were not happy.

(not in 2004 or 2007)

(C) 1 Kings 8:41-43 (All find a home in God's Temple.)

Galatians 1:1-2, 6-10 (Preach the Good News.)

Luke 7:1-10 (The centurion's faith)

**Notes for discussion:** What did Jesus think of the centurion's faith? Ask the students to tell about someone they know with a faith that strong.

## 10 Ordinary

6/05/05

6/08/08

(A) Hosea 6:3-6 (Mercy, not sacrifice)

Romans 4:18-25 (Abraham's faith)

Matthew 9:9-13 (Call of Levi)

**Notes for discussion:** Tax collectors were generally hated by the people at the time of Jesus, so why did Jesus call Matthew, the tax collector to be a disciple?

(not in 2003 or 2006)

(B) Genesis 3:9-15 (The serpent's punishment)

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Our everlasting home)

Mark 3:20-35 (Triumph over Satan)

**Notes for discussion:** Some of the scribes said that Jesus worked miracles by the power of evil. Ask what they might accomplish by saying this.

(not in 2004 or 2007)

(C) 1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah raises the widow's son.)

Galatians 1:11-19 (Paul's conversion)

Luke 7:11-17 (The widow of Nain)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to describe the reaction to Jesus' miracle of raising the youth from death. What could be some reasons for the people feeling that way?

## 11 Ordinary

6/12/05

6/15/08

(A) Exodus 19:2-6 (A kingdom of priests)

Romans 5:6-11 (Reconciled to God)

Matthew 9:36-10:8 (Commissioning of the Twelve)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to identify two parts of the mission Jesus gave the Apostles.

(not in 2003 or 2006)

(B) Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The tree of heaven)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (We walk by faith.)

Mark 4:26-34 (The seed of the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students why Jesus often used parables to teach the people.

(not in 2004)

6/17/07

(C) 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 (God forgives David.)

Galatians 2:16, 19-21 (Christ lives in me.)

Luke 7:36-8:3 (The sinful woman)

**Notes for discussion:** Simon the Pharisee thought he was better than the sinful woman. Have the students read the Gospel and count the reasons Jesus felt otherwise.

## 12 Ordinary

6/19/05

6/22/08

(A) Jeremiah 20:10-13 (The Lord delivers us.)

Romans 5:12-15 (Salvation in Jesus)

Matthew 10:26-33 (God's saving love)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read the last two verses of this Gospel as if Jesus were speaking to them. Ask them to discuss what changes they would have to make in their lives to stand without fear as believers in Christ.

(not in 2003)

6/25/06

(B) Job 3:1,8-11 (Lord of the sea)

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (All things made new)

Mark 4:35-41 (Jesus calms the storm.)

**Notes for discussion:** This Gospel reveals Christ as someone who has such power that even the winds and sea obey him.

6/20/04

(2007 see Birth of John the Baptist)

(C) Zechariah 12:10-11,13:1 (God's Spirit poured Out)

Galatians 3:26-29 (All are one in Christ.)

Luke 9:18-24 (The Messiah)

**Notes for discussion:** The people expected a Messiah who would throw the Romans out of their country. Jesus was a Messiah who came to free the people from sin and death. Ask the students what kind of messages people of today like to hear.

### Birth of John the Baptist

(C) 6/24/07

Isaiah 49: 1-6 (A light to the nations)  
Acts 13: 22-26 (A baptism of repentance)  
Luke 1: 57-66, 80 (John is his name.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children how they think they can be strong in spirit like John the Baptist.

### 13 Ordinary

6/26/05

(2008 see Peter and Paul, Apostles)

(A) 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16 (The prophet Elisha)  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (Baptized in Christ)  
Matthew 10:37-42 (The prophet's reward)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus asks us to take up our cross and follow him. Ask if the students think this applies to them, too. Ask them to give examples of how they can carry their cross at their age.

(not is 2003)

7/02/06

(B) Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (God did not make death.)  
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9,13-15 (Share your riches.)  
Mark 5:21-43 (The daughter of Jairus)

**Notes for discussion:** This Gospel is a story of a miracle within a miracle. Jesus mentioned one thing that was necessary for both miracles to take place. What was it?

6/27/04

7/01/07

(C) 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 (Elijah and Elisha)  
Galatians 5:1,13-18 (Called to liberty)  
Luke 9:51-62 (Following Jesus)

**Notes for discussion:** In the letter to the Galatians, Paul says the law is summarized in a single command. Ask the students what it is. Then read Galatians 5:15 for one example of what that command means in practice.

### 14 Ordinary

7/03/05

7/06/08

(A) Zechariah 9:9-10 (Your king comes.)  
Romans 8:9, 11-13 (Live in the Spirit.)  
Matthew 11:25-30 (My yoke is easy.)

**Notes for discussion:** Read verses 28-30 of the Gospel, and ask the students to talk about the personal message they find here.

7/06/03

7/09/06

(B) Ezekiel 2:2-5 (I send a prophet.)  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (God's grace is enough.)  
Mark 6:1-6 (Jesus the prophet)

**Notes for discussion:** The Gospel speaks about the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Tell the students that the Greek language of the New Testament times used the words "brother" and "sister" to also mean cousin or distant relative.

7/04/04

7/08/07

(C) Isaiah 66:10-14 (Peace like a river)  
Galatians 6:14-18 (The marks of Jesus)

Luke 10:1-12,17-20 (The kingdom is very near.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to discuss the amazing conversation Jesus had with the disciples on their return. What one thing did Jesus say should be their greatest joy?

### 15 Ordinary

7/10/05

7/13/08

(A) Isaiah 55:10-11 (The power of God's Word)  
Romans 8:18-23 (The promise of a new creation)  
Matthew 13:1-23 (The sower and the seed)

**Notes for discussion:** After reading the parable of the sower explained by Jesus (verses 18-23), ask the students to look at their own lives and determine what could be rock, thorns, or rich soil.

7/13/03

7/16/06

(B) Amos 7:12-15 (Call of the prophet)  
Ephesians 1:3-14 (God chose us in Christ.)  
Mark 6:7-13 (Jesus commissions the Twelve.)

**Notes for discussion:** No one could travel today with so little as the disciples had when Jesus sent them out two by two. Ask the students to talk about how the poverty of the disciples was necessary for their mission.

7/11/04

7/15/07

(C) Deuteronomy 30:10-14 (God's law is nearby.)  
Colossians 1:15-20 (The image of the unseen God)  
Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they know of an example where one person helped an enemy in trouble. The enemy in this case, of course, is the neighbor Jesus asked us to love.

### 16 Ordinary

7/17/05

7/20/08

(A) Wisdom 12:13,16-19 (God's mercy)  
Romans 8:26-27 (The Spirit pleads for us.)  
Matthew 13:24-43 (Parables of the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to look at the parable of the wheat and the weeds to try to get comfortable with the vision of life and the end time that Jesus shared with his disciples.

7/20/03

7/23/06

(B) Jeremiah 23:1-6 (I will gather my flock.)  
Ephesians 2:13-18 (Christ has made us one.)  
Mark 6:30-34 (Jesus cares for God's People.)

**Notes for discussion:** Look at the Gospel to notice the two things Jesus did that showed his deep care for others.

7/18/04

7/22/07

(C) Genesis 18:1-10 (Abraham's hospitality)  
Colossians 1:24-28 (The mystery revealed)  
Luke 10:38-42 (Martha and Mary)

**Notes for discussion:** In this Gospel, Jesus made clear that caring for others as well as spending time with him in prayer are equally important

### 17 Ordinary

7/24/05

7/27/08

(A) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (Solomon prays for wisdom.)  
Romans 8:28-30 (Called to share God's glory)  
Matthew 13:44-52 (Parables of the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** The parable of the dragnet is a parable about the kingdom of heaven. Compare it

to the parable of the weeds and the wheat from the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

- 7/27/03 7/30/06  
(B) 2 Kings 4:42-44 (Elisha feeds the crowds.)  
Ephesians 4: 1-6(There is one body.)  
John 6:1-15 (Jesus feeds the crowds.)

**Notes for discussion:** Have the students talk about the abundance of food. What might this tell us about Jesus and the "food" he provides for us?

- 7/25/04 7/29/07  
(C) Genesis 18:20-32 (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Colossians 2:12-14 (Alive in Christ)  
Luke 11:1-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

**Notes for discussion:** Point out the life and death symbols in the Gospel; in verses 11-12, a snake and a scorpion are symbols of death and betrayal; a fish and an egg are the symbols of life and fertility.

## 18 Ordinary

- 7/31/05 8/03/08  
(A) Isaiah 55:1-3 (Come to the water.)  
Romans 8:35, 37-39 (The love of Christ)  
Matthew 14:13-21 (Loaves and fish)  
**Notes for discussion:** Many times when Jesus worked a miracle, he involved the people. In this Gospel story, a young boy contributed five loaves of bread and two fish. Note this in other miracle stories.

- 8/03/03 (not in 2006)  
(B) Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (Bread from heaven)  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 (Created in God's image)  
John 6:24-35(1 am the Bread of Life.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they remember a time when they worked hard asking God to give them something they wanted, rather than the eternal life God wants to give them.

- 8/01/04 8/05/07  
(C) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (Worldly vanity)  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (Seek the kingdom.)  
Luke 12:13-21 (True riches)  
**Notes for discussion:** In this Gospel, Jesus warns us against greed and not preparing for eternal life. Read verses 13-15 and have the students discuss how Jesus' view is different from that of the world.

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

- (B) 8/06/06  
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (His dominion is everlasting.)  
2 Peter 1: 16-19 ("This is my Son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased.")  
(B) Matthew 9: 2-10 (This is my beloved Son.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students; "How can we let the light of Christ shine through in our lives?"

## 19 Ordinary

- 8/07/05 8/10/08  
(A) 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 (Elijah on Mount Carmel)  
Romans 9:1-5 (Adopted children of God)  
Matthew 14:22-33 (Peter walks on water.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Explain that with this miracle Jesus seems to be revealing himself as capable of any feat.

- 8/10/03 8/13/06

- (B) 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Elijah in the wilderness)  
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (Walk in love.)  
John 6:41-51(1 am the Living Bread.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Why won't all people accept Christ's message?"

- 8/08/04 8/12/07  
(C) Wisdom 18:6-9 (God's glorious deeds)  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 (The heavenly city)  
Luke 12:32-48 (Heavenly treasure)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about our role of stewardship.

## 20 Ordinary

- 8/14/05 8/17/08  
(A) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (Choose justice.)  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (God's mercy)  
Matthew 15:21-28 (The Canaanite woman)  
**Notes for discussion:** Tell the students that the Canaanite woman stands for all Gentiles who come to believe in Jesus.

- 8/17/03 8/20/06  
(B) Proverbs 9:1-6 (The house of Wisdom)  
Ephesians 5:15-20 (Be watchful.)  
John 6:51-58 (I will raise you up.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Notice that Christ says he is the Bread that gives everlasting life, and that this Bread is his own flesh.

- (2004 see Assumption of Mary) 8/19/07  
(C) Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 (Jeremiah saved from death)  
Hebrews 12:1-4 (Persevere in running the race.)  
Luke 12:49-53 (The mission of Jesus)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus wants to bring a fire that will purify and inflame our hearts to follow his way. Ask the students to tell some things they feel strongly about.

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- (C) 8/15/04  
Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab (A woman clothed with the sun)  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-27 (In Christ all will be brought to life.)  
Luke 1: 39-56 (The magnificat. the song of Mary)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to tell stories of times in their lives when they were so excited that everything inside them seemed to leap with joy.

## 21 Ordinary

- 8/21/05 8/24/08  
(A) Isaiah 22:19-23 (The key of David)  
Romans 11:33-36 (God's rich gifts)  
Matthew 16:13-20 (The keys of the kingdom)  
**Notes for discussion:** See if the students can find words in the Letter to the Romans that are similar to those we say at Mass.

- 8/24/03 8/27/06  
(B) Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 (We will serve the Lord.)  
Ephesians 5:21-32 (Christian marriage)  
John 6:60-69 (The message of eternal life)  
**Notes for discussion:** Even in Joshua's time, people had trouble deciding what gods to follow. Ask the students to think of some modern day "gods" that people tend to "idolize."

8/22/04  
(C) Isaiah 66:18-21 (The universal kingdom)  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (Discipline and love)  
Luke 13:22-30 (All called to the kingdom)  
**Notes for discussion:** Guide the students to relate the trials and discipline mentioned in Hebrews to the narrow door leading to the kingdom described in the Gospel.

## 22 Ordinary

8/28/05  
(A) Jeremiah 20:7-9 (The prophet's sufferings)  
Romans 12:1-2 (Do God's will.)  
Matthew 16:21-27 (Take up the cross.)  
**Notes for discussion:** When Jesus told Peter to get behind him, he was telling Peter to follow him, not get in the way of the mission he had to complete, namely, his death and resurrection.

8/31/03  
(B) Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 (A great nation)  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 (Be doers of the Word.)  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Honor the commandments.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus is saying that a heart filled with lies cannot produce actions that are honest and true. Do the students agree?

8/29/04  
(C) Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 (Be humble.)  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 (The city of God)  
Luke 14:1, 7-14 (The last shall be first.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus is asking us to help others who have no way of repaying us. Ask the students' opinions on this type of generosity.

## 23 Ordinary

9/04/05  
(A) Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Warn the sinner.)  
Romans 13:8-10 (The great commandment)  
Matthew 18:15-20 (Give witness.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus offers a terrific way to pray: Get a friend to pray with you for what you need and it will be granted. What is the difference between what one "wants" and what one "needs"?

9/07/03  
(B) Isaiah 35:4-7 (The Lord is coming.)  
James 2:1-5 (The poor inherit the kingdom.)  
Mark 7:31-37 (Jesus heals.)  
**Notes for discussion:** In all the miracles of Christ recorded in Scripture, there is not a single account of Jesus using his power to help himself in any way.

9/05/04  
(C) Wisdom 9:13-18 (The will of God)  
Philemon 9:10, 12-17 (Not a slave, but a brother)  
Luke 14:25-33 (True discipleship)  
**Notes for discussion:** In very strong terms, Jesus says how important it is to carry the cross with him. See if some students have had painful or challenging experiences that brought about some good.

## 24 Ordinary

9/11/05  
(A) Sirach 27:30-28:7 (Forgive your neighbor.)  
Romans 14:7-9 (We belong to the Lord.)

Matthew 18:21-35 (Forgive from your heart.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask for students' reactions to the fact that Christians must always forgive.

(2003 see *Triumph of the Cross*) 9/17/06  
(B) Isaiah 50:5-9 (The Lord is my help.)  
James 2:14-18 (Faith and good deeds)  
Mark 8:27-35 (Come, follow me.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Without giving names, ask the students to share examples of hypocrisy they are familiar with. This refers to the Letter of James.

9/12/04  
(C) Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 (The Lord relents.)  
1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Christ saves sinners.)  
Luke 15:1-32 (Parables of God's mercy)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to share contemporary stories of mercy and forgiveness.

## The Triumph of the Holy Cross

(A) 9/14/08  
(B) 9/14/03  
Numbers 21: 4b-9 (Moses prayed for the people.)  
Philippians 2: 6-11 (Christ did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at.)  
John 3: 13-17 (God so loved the world)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students if they have a cross hanging in their home. Have you ever thought about that cross? Why do you think it is their? Does it have special significance in your family or for you?

## 25 Ordinary

9/18/05  
(A) Isaiah 55:6-9 (God's ways)  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27 (Life in Christ)  
Matthew 20:1-16 (The workers in the vineyard)  
**Notes for discussion:** What are the students' reactions to the generosity shown in this parable? Do they think it is "fair"?

9/21/03  
(B) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 (Testing the virtuous man)  
James 3:16-4:3 (Justice and peace)  
Mark 9:30-37 (Receiving a child)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus insists on respecting the qualities of little children. What are these qualities?

9/19/04  
(C) Amos 8:4-7 (Justice to the poor)  
1 Timothy 2:1-8 (Pray for everyone.)  
Luke 16:1-13 (Be God's servant, not a slave to money.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells us to use worldly good wisely. Relate this to practical ways we can care for our environment.

## 26 Ordinary

9/25/05  
(A) Ezekiel 18:25-28 (The sinner is punished.)  
Philippians 2:1-11 (Christ's humility)  
Matthew 21:28-32 (True repentance)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read the Gospel and determine which son they resemble. Which son would they prefer to resemble?

9/28/03  
(B) Numbers 11:25-29 (All called to be prophets)  
James 5:1-6 (Warning the rich)

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (Obstacles to the kingdom)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus warns against jealousy and intolerance. Let the students talk about their common experiences with these traits.

9/26/04 9/30/07

- (C) Amos 6:1, 4-7 (Sinners exiled)  
1 Timothy 6:11-16 (The coming of the Lord)  
Luke 16:19-31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus tells us that we have to care for others if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven. Ask the students who in their lives depends on their care.

## 27 Ordinary

10/02/05 10/05/08

- (A) Isaiah 5:1-7 (The song of the vineyard)  
Philippians 4:6-9 (The virtuous life)  
Matthew 21:33-43 (The vine grower's son)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to read this Gospel parable and see how it is a story of Christ. Ask them to identify each part of the parable to see what Christ meant by it.

10/05/03 10/08/06

- (B) Genesis 2:18-24 (The call to relationship)  
Hebrews 2:9-11 (Jesus our Brother)  
Mark 10:2-16 (Lifelong fidelity)

**Notes for discussion:** Mention how many people spend much of their lives trying to leave their childhood behind. Yet Jesus says you have to have a heart like a child if you are to enter the kingdom of heaven.

10/03/04 10/07/07

- (C) Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 (How long, G Lord?)  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 (Witness to the Lord.)  
Luke 17:5-19 (Have faith.)

**Notes for discussion:** People today react to God in the same way as the people with leprosy. Ask the students to explain how.

## 28 Ordinary

10/09/05 10/12/08

- (A) Isaiah 25:6-10 (The heavenly banquet)  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (Rich in Christ)  
Matthew 22:1-14 (The wedding feast)

**Notes for discussion:** The key to this parable is in the words: "Many are called to the kingdom of God but few are chosen." Let the students talk about the challenges to accepting God's invitation to the kingdom.

10/12/03 10/15/06

- (B) Wisdom 7:7-11 (The gift of Wisdom)  
Hebrews 4:12-13 (The Word of God)  
Mark 10:17-30 (The rich young man)

**Notes for discussion:** Notice how the young man in this account could not follow Jesus completely because his wealth got in the way. Ask the students to talk about what "gets in their way" of following Jesus.

10/10/04 10/14/07

- (C) 2 Kings 5:14-17 (Naaman the leper)  
2 Timothy 2:8-13 (We will reign with Christ.)  
Luke 17:11-19 (The ten lepers)

**Notes for discussion:** Talk about ways to accept those who are ignored or neglected.

## 29 Ordinary

10/16/05 10/19/08

- (A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 (I call you by name.)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (Faith, hope, and love)  
Matthew 22:15-21 (Give God what belongs to God.)

**Notes for discussion:** You might wish to touch upon the issue of civil disobedience.

10/19/03 10/22/06

- (B) Isaiah 53:10-11 (Atonement)  
Hebrews 4:14-16 (Jesus, our High Priest)  
Mark 10:35-45 (Jesus gives his life for us.)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students what are some practical ways they can serve others.

10/17/04 10/21/07

- (C) Exodus 17:8-13 (Moses' faith saves Israel.)  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 (Proclaim the message.)  
Luke 18:1-8 (The unjust judge and the persistent widow)

**Notes for discussion:** The unjust judge answered the needs of the persistent widow. Christ used the story to show that God is just and will certainly answer the needs of those who cry to God for justice.

## 30 Ordinary

10/23/05 10/26/08

- (A) Exodus 22:20-26 (True justice)  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (Serve God.)  
Matthew 22:34-40 (The great commandment)

**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students how the Great Commandment is a part of their lives.

10/26/03 10/29/06

- (B) Jeremiah 31:7-9 (God gives sight to the blind.)  
Hebrews 5:1-6 (The priesthood of Melchizedek)  
Mark 10:46-52 (Blind Bartimaeus)

**Notes for discussion:** One reason why the blind Bartimaeus received the blessing of sight is because he called out and boldly put himself in the presence of Jesus. Ask the students to think about times they have been so bold.

10/24/04 10/28/07

- (C) Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 (The power of prayer)  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (The crown of righteousness)

Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and the tax collector)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask what the parable teaches about the way to pray.

## 31 Ordinary

10/30/05 (2008 see All Souls Day)

- (A) Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 (God created us.)  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 (Sharing Good News)  
Matthew 23:1-12 (Practice what you preach.)

**Notes for discussion:** Jesus teaches us to obey religious authority always, but to follow their example only if they practice what they preach. See if this can be related to any contemporary issues.

(2003 see All Souls Day) 11/05/06

- (B) Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (The Lord is the One God.)  
Hebrews 7:23-28 (The eternal priesthood)  
Mark 12:28-34 (The Great Commandment)

**Notes for discussion:** Later on in the Gospel of John, Jesus distills the Great Commandment into the New Commandment: "to love one another as I have loved you." Ask what is Jesus' way of loving.

- 10/31/04 11/04/07  
(C) Wisdom 11:22-12:2 (God's mercy)  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 (The name of the Lord)  
Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

**Notes for discussion:** Use the story of Zacchaeus to teach that you must show "actions" of contrition when we do wrong; saying you are sorry is not enough.

### All Souls Day

- (A) 11/02/03 11/02/08  
*See a variety of choices of readings in the Lectionary.*  
Wisdom 3:1-9 (The faithful shall abide with God in love.)  
Romans 6:3-9 (Death no longer has power.)  
Matthew 5:1-12a (The Beatitudes)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students about their memories of people they know who have died. Do they remember the goodness in that person's life? Does their memory of that person connect with any of the attitudes in the Beatitudes?

### 32 Ordinary

- 11/06/05 (2008 see Dedication of St. John Lateran)  
(A) Wisdom 6:12-16 (Praise of Wisdom)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (We will be raised.)  
Matthew 25:1-13 (The wise bridesmaids)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus seems to be telling us that being ready for his coming is not very difficult. It only takes some common sense to be prepared, but if you are not prepared, the result is quite final.

- (2003 see Dedication of St. John Lateran) 11/12/06  
(B) 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Elijah and the widow)  
Hebrews 9:24-28 (Christ brings salvation.)  
Mark 12:38-44 (The widow's contribution)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the students to tell about people they know who give - time, money, help - selflessly to others.

- 11/07/04 11/11/07  
(C) 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 (Belief in resurrection)  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (May God strengthen you.)  
Luke 20:27-38 (Ours is the God of the living.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus explains the fullness of the new life we are promised after death. Ask the students to share their own images of everlasting life with God.

### Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

- (B) 11/09/03  
(A) 11/09/08  
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 (The water flowed)  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 (You are God's temple.)  
John 2:13-22 ("Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.")  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask the children about ways they can think and act that make them aware of their bodies as God's temple.

### 33 Ordinary

- 11/13/05 11/16/08  
(A) Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (The good wife)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 (The Day of the Lord)  
Matthew 25:14-30 (The parable of the talents)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus expects us to use our talents and to overcome the fear we might have in doing so. Ask each student to name one talent he or she has.

- 11/16/03 11/19/06  
(B) Daniel 12:1-13 (The kingdom comes.)  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (Christ's sacrifice)  
Mark 13:24-42 (The coming of the Son of Man)  
**Notes for discussion:** The language used in the Gospel is highly symbolic. No one knows when the Second Coming will take place.

- 11/14/04 11/18/07  
(C) Malachi 3:19-20 (The sun of justice)  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 (Work for what you need.)  
Luke 21:5-19 (The coming of the kingdom)  
**Notes for discussion:** Luke closely follows Mark's description of the end of the world. People at that time were very concerned with being prepared. Let the students compare the ways they prepare for particular events in their lives and the ways they prepare for everlasting life.

### Christ the King

- 11/20/05 11/23/08  
(A) Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-16 (I will shepherd my flock.)  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (The kingdom of God)  
Matthew 25:31-46 (The last judgment)  
**Notes for discussion:** Ask: "Who will receive salvation?"

- 11/23/03 11/26/06  
(B) Daniel 7:13-14 (The Son of Man)  
Revelation 1:5-8 (The Alpha and Omega)  
John 18:33-37 (Are you the king?)  
**Notes for discussion:** Jesus admits to Pilate that he is a king, but that his kingdom is not of this world. Ask: "How does God's kingdom differ from earthly kingdoms?"

- 11/21/04 11/25/07  
(C) 2 Samuel 5:1-3 (David anointed king)  
Colossians 1:12-20 (The kingdom of God's Son)  
Luke 23:35-43 (Remember me in your kingdom.)  
**Notes for discussion:** Talk about what the readings say about redemption.