



Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum

**Espiritu Santo Roman Catholic Church Religious Education
2022 - 2023**

Domestic Church Hybrid Model of Enrichment

Loyola Press - Finding God Series

Finding God ... Our Response to God's Gifts!

5 UNITS – 5 Chapters (Sessions) within each unit

Grade Levels K-8

Weekly sessions for our hybrid model of learning will consist of a combination each month - **Family** Sessions on Campus, Student **Classroom** Sessions on Campus, and **At Home** Sessions

SUNDAY SESSIONS = 10:30-11:45AM

TUESDAY SESSIONS = 6:00-7:15PM

*As you journey through the themes and lessons of the Finding God series outlined below, try to reach further – when preparing each lesson, identify at least one of the **4 Pillars of our Faith** that connects to your lesson. Also – in every lesson, find a reference to at least one of the **10 goals** I have listed on the bottom of this syllabus. Use the master calendar to cite special liturgical dates and celebrations (saints, solemnities, seasons, etc). Of course, **scripture** is a wonderful teacher! Use the lectionary and our weekly Gospel reflections to better understand the scripture message from Mass each week*

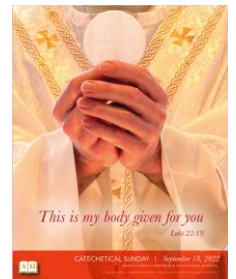
PARTICIPATE IN MASS EACH WEEK – it's a treasure not to be missed ☺

My love & gratitude to all who teach and share the faith! Sue

**Family / Volunteer Orientation and Welcome Sunday August 21st
FOLLOWING 12:00Noon Mass**

**First *Family Catechetical* Session Sunday September 11th and Tuesday
September 13th**

September 18th = Catechetical Sunday *"This is my body given for you." Luke 22:19*



The Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday* September 18, 2022

Remember, when we choose to love our faith, share our faith and inspire our faith ... **WE ARE ALL CATECHISTS!!!**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for **all** to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Loyola Press Finding God Curriculum Outline

Families Choose to enroll in either Sunday or Tuesday Sessions

SEPTEMBER 18/20 and 25/27= Classroom Welcomes, Curriculum Overview, Unit 1 start

OCTOBER 2/4 = Family, 9/11 = Classroom, 16/18 = At Home, 23/25 = Classroom, 30/Nov. 1 = Family

UNIT 1 - GOD, CREATOR & FATHER, LOVES US

NOVEMBER 6/8 & 13/15 = Classroom, 20/22 & 27/29 = At Home

OUR LITURGICAL YEAR – SEASONS AND SIGNS!

DECEMBER 4/6 & 11/13 = Classroom, 18/20 = Family, 25/27 = At Home

UNIT 2 - JESUS, OUR LORD and SAVIOR

During the Christmas SEASON =

Explore, Learn & Live ...

Christmas AS A SEASON, not a day ☺

SPECIAL DATES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON INCLUDE:

December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

December 30th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 6th – Epiphany

January 8th – The Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY 1/3, 8/10 & 15/17= At Home, 22/24 & 29/31 = Classroom

WORKS OF MERCY AND OUR ATTITUDE TO BE!

FEBRUARY 5/7 & 12/14 = Classroom, 19/21 = At Home, 26/28 = Family

UNIT 3 – THE CHURCH, COMMUNITY IN THE SPIRIT

February 22nd = ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin the Lenten Season Prayerfully as a Family, Participating In Church Services and At Home Preparation

LENTEN SEASON Parish Communal Penance Service

MARCH 5/7 & 12/14 = At Home, 19/21 & 26/28 = Classroom

UNIT 4 – SACRAMENTS, OUR WAY OF LIFE

APRIL 2/4 & 9/11 = At Home, 16/18 = Family

UNIT 5 – MORALITY, OUR FAITH LIVED

April 2 nd = Palm Sunday ...	HOLY WEEK BEGINS
<i>Teach the faith by living it as a family – take advantage of the opportunity through Holy Week, Easter & beyond!</i>	
<i>Sunday April 2nd = PALM SUNDAY!</i>	
<i>Thursday April 6th = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00PM</i>	
<i>Friday April 7th = Good Friday</i>	
<i>Saturday April 8th = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset</i>	
<i>Sunday April 9th = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!</i>	
<i>Sunday April 16th = Divine Mercy Sunday ... Jesus I Trust In You!</i>	
<u>Teaching Tools and Ideas:</u>	

Website resources below. Password is **FG-2021** for K-6, **FG-JrHigh** for grades 7-8

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/catechists-and-teachers>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students>

<u>Resources to use alongside Loyola Press <i>Finding God</i> curriculum</u>				
Lectionary / Roman Missal				
General & National Directory for Catechesis				
Ignatian Examen				
Catechism of the Catholic Church				
<i>Online links to other sources may be found on our Diocesan website dosp.org</i>				
And never underestimate ... YOUR OWN FAITH LIFE AND FAMILY EXPERIENCES 😊				
TELL YOUR STORIES OF FAITH!				
FIND WAYS TO RELATE LESSONS TO PILLARS OF OUR FAITH:				
Part One: The Profession of Faith (Creed)				
Part Two: The Sacraments of Faith (Celebration of the Christian Mystery)				
Part Three: The Life of Faith (Commandments / Beatitudes)				
Part Four: Prayer in the Life of Faith (The Lord’s Prayer)				
SET GOALS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF:				
Creed	Sacraments	Christian Living	Scripture	Liturgy
	Christian Prayer & Spirituality		Mystery of the Church	Parish Life
	Vocations		Ecumenism & Dialogue	
HELP STUDENTS DEFINE “The Paschal Mystery”				
<i>The Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ</i>				
USE YOUR LOVE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH TO INSPIRE A JOY AND LOVE IN OTHERS ... you have already inspired me 😊 Sue				