



# 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 .....*

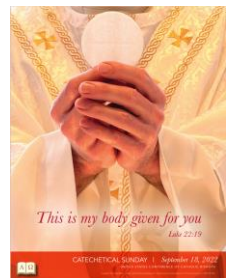
*PARTICIPATE IN MASS EACH WEEK – it's a treasure not to be missed ☺*

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

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

**First *Family Catechetical* Session Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday  
September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> = 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 25<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas*

*December 30<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*January 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*January 6<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany*

*January 8<sup>th</sup> – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> = 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 <sup>nd</sup> = Palm Sunday ...	<b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>
<i>Teach the faith by living it as a family – take advantage of the opportunity through Holy Week, Easter &amp; beyond!</i>	
<i>Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> = PALM SUNDAY!</i>	
<i>Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> = Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM</i>	
<i>Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> = Good Friday</i>	
<i>Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> = Holy Saturday, GREAT EASTER VIGIL sunset</i>	
<i>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> = EASTER SUNDAY ... JESUS IS RISEN!</i>	
<i>Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> = Divine Mercy Sunday ... Jesus I Trust In You!</i>	
<b><u>Teaching Tools and Ideas:</u></b>	

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>

<b><u>Resources to use alongside Loyola Press <i>Finding God</i> curriculum</u></b>				
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 <a href="http://dosp.org">dosp.org</a></i>				
<b>And never underestimate ... YOUR OWN FAITH LIFE AND FAMILY EXPERIENCES 😊</b>				
<b>TELL YOUR STORIES OF FAITH!</b>				
<b>FIND WAYS TO RELATE LESSONS TO PILLARS OF OUR FAITH:</b>				
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)				
<b>SET GOALS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF:</b>				
Creed	Sacraments	Christian Living	Scripture	Liturgy
	Christian Prayer & Spirituality		Mystery of the Church	Parish Life
	Vocations		Ecumenism & Dialogue	
<b>HELP STUDENTS DEFINE "The Paschal Mystery"</b>				
<i>The Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ</i>				
<b>USE YOUR LOVE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAITH TO INSPIRE A JOY AND LOVE IN OTHERS ... you have already inspired me 😊 Sue</b>				