

**CHAPTER 1 — Introduction to Sacred Scripture****Faith Concepts:**

- Scripture is the inspired Word of God.
- Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise in the Covenant.
- Each of us is called to be devoted to reading and praying Sacred Scripture.

**Sacred Scripture:** Acts 2:22-24, 32-33 (Peter's speech at Pentecost); 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (All Scripture is inspired by God)

**Disciple Power:** devotion

**Faith Vocabulary:** canon of Scripture, inspiration

**Catholics Believe:** God is the author of Scripture.

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Jerome

**Prayer:** Prayer to Saint Jerome

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 51-67, 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 3 — The Gospel of Mark****Faith Concepts:**

- Mark's Gospel focuses primarily on Jesus' ministry and the Cross.
- Mark challenges us to think about what it means to be a disciple.
- Discipleship involves discipline and sacrifice.

**Sacred Scripture:** Mark 1:15 (Kingdom of God is at hand); Mark 1:29-38 (Jesus' healings in Capernaum); Mark 8:34-35 (Take up the cross and follow Jesus)

**Disciple Power:** peacemaking

**Faith Vocabulary:** mission, Paschal Mystery, sacrifice

**Catholics Believe:** The Power of the Cross

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Peer Mediators of Peace

**Prayer:** Prayer of Petitions

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 5 — Luke and Acts****Faith Concepts:**

- The same author wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.
- Luke the Evangelist focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus and the Church.
- Repentance and conversion are part of being a disciple.

**Sacred Scripture:** Luke 4:16-21, 28-30 (The Rejection at Nazareth); Luke 24:46-48 (Risen Lord appears to disciples in Jerusalem); Romans 6:4 (Buried with Jesus in Baptism)

**Disciple Power:** repentance

**Faith Vocabulary:** conversion, parable

**Catholics Believe:** Metanoia, conversion of mind and heart

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Dorothy Day, Saint Francis of Assisi

**Prayer:** A Prayer of Petition

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 2 — Proclaim Boldly****Faith Concepts:**

- The Gospels were written several generations after the life of Jesus.
- Each Gospel writer presents a unique portrait of Jesus.
- Many types of stories and teachings are included in the Gospels.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 1:1, 16 (Jesus' genealogy); Luke 1:3 (Luke's prologue); John 1:1-5 (John's prologue)

**Disciple Power:** prayerfulness

**Faith Vocabulary:** disciples, Evangelists

**Catholics Believe:** The Great Commandment

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Luke the Evangelist

**Prayer:** A Litany of Praise

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 75, 124-125, 515-515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 4 — The Gospel of Matthew****Faith Concepts:**

- Jesus' Sermon on the Mount echoes the teachings of Moses.
- The Beatitudes complement the Ten Commandments.
- Disciples of Jesus are to be like salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Sacred Scripture:** Matthew 5:3-10 (The Beatitudes); Matthew 5:17-18 (Jesus fulfills the Law); Matthew 5:19-20 (Teaching about the Law); Matthew 5:39 (Turn the other cheek)

**Disciple Power:** humility

**Faith Vocabulary:** Covenant, discourse, Torah

**Catholics Believe:** Daily Prayer

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Joseph Cardinal Bernadin

**Prayer:** Prayer for Guidance

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 6 — The Gospel of John****Faith Concepts:**

- The Gospel of John describes Jesus' miracles as signs of God's power and love.
- John's Gospel features seven "I AM" statements, which declare that Jesus is God.
- In John's Last Supper story, Jesus washes the disciples' feet and invites them to do the same.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 1:14 (Word made flesh); John 4:26, 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 15:1 (I AM statements); John 11:21-27, 41-44 (Raising of Lazarus); John 13:12-14 (Jesus is Lord and Teacher)

**Disciple Power:** wonder and awe

**Faith Vocabulary:** Book of Glory, Book of Signs, Incarnation

**Catholics Believe:** At the moment of death

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Hildegard of Bingen

**Prayer:** Profession of Faith

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

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**CHAPTER 7 — Evangelizing the World**

**Faith Concepts:**

- Jesus called the Church to be a missionary Church from the beginning.
- Today the Church flourishes in Asia, Africa and the Americas.
- Jesus calls each of us to build a world of love.

**Sacred Scripture:** Psalm 96:3 (Tell of God's glory)

**Disciple Power:** perseverance

**Faith Vocabulary:** catechist, evangelization, missionary

**Catholics Believe:** Apostles and Disciples

**The Church Follows Jesus:** John Henry Newman

**Prayer:** A Litany to the Saints

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 830-838, 849-856, 1229-1233, 1247-1249

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 16-17, 135-138

**CHAPTER 9 — The Letter to the Philippians**

**Faith Concepts:**

- Paul's Letter to the Philippians is one that deals with joy and suffering.
- Saint Paul demonstrates that God can bring blessings from suffering.
- Being a disciple of Jesus means we have reason to rejoice.

**Sacred Scripture:** Philippians 1:12-17 (Encouragement in times of distress); Philippians 1:27-28 (Steadfastness in faith); Philippians 4:4-9 (Peace of God surpasses all understanding.)

**Disciple Power:** steadfastness

**Faith Vocabulary:** joy, suffering

**Catholics Believe:** Nature of Suffering

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Father Jerzy Popielusko

**Prayer:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 11 — The Letter to the Hebrews**

**Faith Concepts:**

- The Letter to the Hebrews was written for Jews who had accepted Jesus as Messiah and Son of God.
- This letter explains how Christ replaces the Temple in whom we encounter God.
- The Mass is a source of strength for us to be ambassadors of Christ.

**Sacred Scripture:** Hebrews 8:1-2 (Christ is the high priest.); Hebrews 9:1-4, 7 (The New Ark); Hebrews 9:11-12, 15 (Christ is mediator of the New Covenant.)

**Disciple Power:** respect

**Faith Vocabulary:** apostasy, redemption

**Catholics Believe:** Faith versus Works

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Blessed Charles de Foucauld

**Prayer:** Lectio Divina

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

**U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA):** pp. 21-33

**CHAPTER 8 — The Letter to the Romans**

**Faith Concepts:**

- After his encounter with the Risen Christ, Paul's life was changed forever.
- Saint Paul proclaimed the Gospel to the Gentiles.
- Through Baptism we receive the gift of God's grace to be children of God.

**Sacred Scripture:** Acts 9:3-5 (Saul's Conversion); Romans 6:1-6, 8-11 (Living for God); Romans 6:15-16, 20-23 (Freedom from sin); Romans 8:15-17 (Spirit of adoption)

**Disciple Power:** courage

**Faith Vocabulary:** Epistles, Gentiles, grace

**Catholics Believe:** Relationship between Jews and Christians

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Jesuit Volunteer Corps

**Prayer:** Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila (Saint Teresa of Jesus) and St. John of the Cross

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

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**CHAPTER 10 — The Letter to the Colossians**

**Faith Concepts:**

- The Letter to the Colossians was written at a time when the first-generation Christians were getting older and dying.
- This letter contains one of the great hymns to the divine Christ.
- God calls us to love like him in all that we do and say.

**Sacred Scripture:** John 13:34-35 (The New Commandment); Colossians 1:15-20 (Christ the person and work); Colossians 2:6-7, 12 (Buried with Christ); Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17 (Christ in our hearts)

**Disciple Power:** charity

**Faith Vocabulary:** New Commandment, source and summit

**Catholics Believe:** Hoped, kindness and mercy

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Josephine Bakhita; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

**Prayer:** Liturgy of the Word (1 John 3:7-16)

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

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**CHAPTER 12 — The Book of Revelation**

**Faith Concepts:**

- The Book of Revelation uses vivid images and symbols to help us understand spiritual mysteries.
- Revelation was originally written to give hope to a Church undergoing serious persecution.
- The Book of Revelation does not predict events of this world; it proclaims the ultimate victory of good over evil.

**Sacred Scripture:** Revelation 22:13 (Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.); Revelation 18:1-2, 4-5, 8 (The Fall of Babylon); Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-4 (The New Heaven and the New Earth)

**Disciple Power:** hope

**Faith Vocabulary:** apocalyptic writing, temptation

**Catholics Believe:** Second Coming of Christ

**The Church Follows Jesus:** Saint Joan of Arc; Saint Stephen; North American Martyrs; Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

**Prayer:** The Our Father

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** 105-107, 515

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