

Session 3: The Word Made Flesh

October 5-8, 2026

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2026-2027

This session's objectives:

- To make Candidates aware that **reading Scripture is an important part of being a Catholic Christian**: "*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ*" – St. Jerome
- To build greater **skills and confidence** with reading, proclaiming & looking up **Scripture passages**
- To inspire candidates with the **person and ministry of Jesus** as seen in the Gospels

This session's program:

	Time	Start
1. Name-tag & Bible label pick-up; make sure all have received a Bible <i>- as enter, candidates are invited to <u>bless selves with holy water</u> (as when entering church)</i> <i>- chat with catechists at tables or as a class, share journal p. 24 reflect on Rite of Enrollment!</i>	10 min	6:45
2. Opening Reflection on Luke 5:1-11 (RH/MB/PH/JR) <i>- read passage from Bible, show "The Chosen" clip dramatizing it</i> <i>- Tr A mini-witness on how passage spoke to Rachel - Tr B discuss results of trust in Jesus</i>	10 min	6:55
3. Reading Scripture (and the Lector Ministry) (RH/JR/PH/MB) <i>- review Bible basics (<u>structure</u>, history, inspired Word, truth vs. fact, genres); <u>locating passages</u></i> <i>- Jesus as the Word incarnate (w/ St. Jerome quote) - "proclaim" vs. "read"</i> <i>- mini-witness / <u>share experiences of readings you proclaimed at Mass or that meant something to you</u></i>	15 min	7:05
4. Jesus Trivia Game(s) (At Tables/In Groups) <i>Tables/groups test their ability to work together & recall info about Jesus by using the toss-and-tell balls (answer key in envelope) and/or playing the matching Q&A "Go Jesus Fish" card game</i> <i>- <u>lay out question cards & match with answer cards</u> - each table/group gets 2 decks (1 blue As, 1 brown Qs), match 12 blue cards with 12 brown cards, which questions go with which answers</i>	10 min	7:20
5. [Break – Track A only – to stretch, drink water, use restroom, check phone	5 min	7:30]
6. Breakout Session: Who is Jesus? (At Tables/In Groups) <i>- <u>recommend Track B work in pairs or triads on all 10 sets of passages (or as many as possible)</u></i> <i>- important to get 360° view of Jesus by thinking about his different actions and sayings</i> <i>- <u>see next page for "cheat sheet" of themes among passages for quick reference</u></i> <i>- each table/group receives a set of 3 passages relating to a theme of Jesus' life</i> <i>- reflection questions accompany the passages. Select a <u>scribe to take notes</u> about their reflections and a <u>speaker to report back on what the passages tell us about who Jesus is (final Question)</u></i>	20-30 min	7:35
7. Reporting on Breakout Session (Large group) <i>Speaker from each table/group shares group's response to final question from sheet</i>	5 min	8:05
8. The Call to Discipleship (RH/PH/MB/JR) Based on textbook pages 14-15 and definition of discipleship (<i>see slideshow</i>) "A disciple... <i>...hears and studies the ways of the master (Jesus) ...participates in a community of disciples (the Church) ...lives out these ways for the good of the world (life of service).</i> " Scripture as a source of invitation, where we hear and where we can study "the ways of the master" Choice to follow – Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21:28-32) - no/yes w/ mouth & yes/no w/ heart Coming to faith in God through Jesus our brother & Lord – to learn, participate, serve	10 min	8:10
9. Closing Discipleship Prayer with Blessing of the Senses (RH/PH/MB/JR) <i>- each candidate is directed to bless their own senses during <u>"Open My Eyes, Lord"</u></i> <i>- distribute prayer cards showing Jesus walking with 2 disciples, to keep & pray with!</i> <i>- turn in Discipleship Commitment forms during <u>"Aquí Estoy (Here I Am)"</u></i>	5 min	8:20
10. Homework & Reminders (Rachel MB/PH/JR) Distribute candy as a treat from Ms. Hohner's birthday (10/6) <u>Bonus Video "Jesus & I Know It"</u>	5 min	8:25

Homework & Reminders for Candidates:

- ask your Sponsor & Parents to come Mon 11/9 at St M Church, 2310 W. Ainslie
- **No class next week!** Monday 10/12 is a holiday for all schools, so no Confirmation Prep!
- next class **Tracks A & B together** Mon. 10/19, Mission Hall, 4412 N. Western, *group activity*
*- Homework: ~~read/do pp 13-18 in textbook~~ **work on choosing Sponsor(s)!** who'll walk w/ you?*

WHO IS JESUS?: SCRIPTURE THEMES BY TABLE

Black: Jesus and his parents (Mary and Joseph / God the Father)

The Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)

The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11)

Jesus Speaks to Mary and John from the Cross (John 19:25-27)

Blue: Jesus works miracles of healing

Raising of the Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-17)

Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)

The Blind Man of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)

Brown: Jesus, the fisher of men / One who calls sinners

Call of the first disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)

Call of Levi [Matthew] the tax collector (Mark 2:13-17)

Call of Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

Green: Jesus works miracles with food and drink to nourish

Wedding at Cana [miracle of water to wine] (John 2:1-11)

Feeding of the Five Thousand [multiplication of loaves & fishes] (Mark 6:34-43)

Institution of the Eucharist [the Last Supper] (Mark 14:22-26)

Orange: what is important to Jesus / Jesus with his friends

Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:7-15)

Bickering of the Apostles (Luke 22:24-30)

Pink: parables teaching about the Kingdom of God

The Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32)

The Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

The Treasure, the Pearl and the Catch (Matthew 13:44-50)

Purple: Jesus shows his divine nature

The Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9)

Cleansing of Demonic Spirits (Luke 4:31-37)

Many Dwelling Places (John 14:1-4)

Red: parables told by Jesus to teach

The Sower (Luke 8:4-8)

The Lamp Under a Basket (Mark 4:21-25)

The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

White: Jesus delegates authority to his followers

The Mission of the Twelve (6:6-13)

Preparations for the Passover [Last Supper] (Luke 22:7-13)

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

Yellow: human vulnerability & humility of Jesus

The Nativity (Luke 2:1-7)

Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58)

The Washing of the Feet (John 13:4-17)