


**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
EIGHTH GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS '16 - '17  
SUNDAY 6:30 PM (Following 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass\*\*) - 8 PM**

**TEXT:** Life in Christ Jesus

**TOPIC:** Jesus invites you to be his disciple. He wants you to know him better, to understand his message, and to follow his way of life. During this course of study, you will explore the principles of Catholic morality.

**OTHER:** Service Hours - Each student is required to perform 10 hours of community service as part of their spiritual training. Hours must be turned in to their Catechist by the end of the program in March in order to receive credit.

**SUNDAY NIGHT ABSENCES CALL AFTER 6:00 P.M.: 973-538-0590**

<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b><u>IN CLASS TODAY:</u></b>	<b><u>FOCUS:</u></b>
<b>10/09/16 SESSION 1</b>	Parent/child RETREAT	Colleen Rayner from Simple Faith Retreats will provide a parent/child retreat experience. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Assumption School
<b>10/16/16 SESSION 2</b>	Sierra Leone Sponsorship Presentation with Tom Johnson, Jr.	
<b>10/23/16 SESSION 3</b>	Ch. 1: "The Universal Mission"	To learn about the mission of the church and decide how to be a part of it. <b>Letters to SL Sponsored Children</b>
<b>10/30/16 SESSION 4</b>	Ch. 2: "Human Dignity" Ch. 3: "To Follow Jesus"	To learn that the meaning of true happiness is found in holiness, eternal life with God. To learn the core values of Jesus' teachings and how to live as a member of the kingdom.
<b>11/06/16 SESSION 5</b>	Ch. 4: "Guided by Conscience"	To learn how living a Christian moral life is a path to freedom.
<b>11/13/16</b>	<b>No Class – Teacher's Convention</b>	
<b>11/20/16 SESSION 6</b>	Ch. 5: "The Exercise of Virtue"	To learn how practicing the virtues helps us grow in living the Great Commandment.
<b>11/27/16</b>	<b>No Class- Thanksgiving Weekend</b> 	
<b>12/04/16 SESSION 7</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation Service & Eucharistic Adoration	-Youth are expected to attend this service at the church. They will be given the opportunity experience the presence of Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we begin a new Liturgical Year.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>IN CLASS TODAY:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
12/11/16 <b>SESSION 8</b>	Ch. 6: "The Grace of the Holy Spirit" <u>UNIT ONE REVIEW</u>	To learn how to live in and through the Holy Spirit when making decisions.
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12/18/16 - 01/01/17	<b>No Class - Winter Break – Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year!!</b> 	
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01/08/17 <b>SESSION 9</b>	Ch. 7: "A Pilgrim Church"	To learn how the Church is continually engaged with the World.
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01/15/17	<b>No Class - Martin Luther King Weekend</b>	
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01/22/17 <b>SESSION 10</b>	Ch. 8: "To Love God Above All"	To learn about how God wants us to live through his Laws and the Church's precepts.
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01/29/17 <b>SESSION 11</b>	<b>A.C.R.E. Assessment</b> 6:30 – 8 p.m.	An assessment used to evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of youth. <b>MANDATORY FOR ALL 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> GRADERS</b>
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02/04-02/05/17	<b>Sierra Leone Bake Sale – 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Volunteers &amp; baked goods needed at all of the weekend masses.</b>	
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02/05/17	<b>NO SUNDAY NIGHT CLASS ONLY - Super Bowl Sunday</b> 	
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02/12/17 <b>SESSION 12</b>	Ch. 9: "A Community for Life" Ch. 10: "Integrity of Heart"	-To describe ways that the Commandments tell us to respect and strengthen families' lives. -To understand how the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Commandments command us to treat ourselves and other people with integrity, respect, and justice.
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02/19/17	<b>No Class - President's Day Weekend</b> 	
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02/26/17 <b>SESSION 13</b>	Ch. 11: "People of Truth"	To describe how the 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Commandments guide us in living as people of courage, honesty and generosity.
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03/01/17 <b>SESSION 14</b>	(WED) <b>Ash Wednesday Family Worship Mass or Service</b>	<b>-Our middle school youth are expected to attend one of our Ash Wednesday Masses or our 4 p.m. Prayer Service with their families.</b>

**DATE:**                      **IN CLASS TODAY:**                      **FOCUS:**

03/04/17                      Pasta Supper (Saturday)                      5:00 PM & 7:00 PM                      Assumption School Cafeteria  
[Sign up to earn service hours]

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03/05/17                      Ch. 12: "The Lord's Prayer"                      To identify the Lord's Prayer as a blueprint for living the Gospel.  
**SESSION 15** UNIT TWO REVIEW

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**Sessions 16, 17 & 18: SEASON OF LENT**

All K - 8th Grade Families, please participate in these important Lenten events as a Family:

**SESSION 16:**                      Family Faith Event for Kdg – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

(Choose one of the 4 sessions to attend at Assumption School as a family below.)

Sunday, March 12 10 – 11:30 am or 3:45 pm- 5:15 pm  
Sunday, March 19 10 – 11:30 am or 3:45 pm- 5:15 pm

**SESSION 17:**                      Confession on any Monday evening, 7 – 8:30 p.m. or Saturday 4:15 – 5 p.m.  
(choose one time to go as a family)

**SESSION 18:**                      Stations of the Cross on any Friday at 5:30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross for Young Children on Friday, 3/10/17 at 4:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross for Families on Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 8 p.m.  
(choose one time to go as a family)

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04/09/17                      Palm Sunday

04/16/17                      Easter (There will be no Youth Mass on this night)

**\*\*Families with 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Youth & Family Mass being offered Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.  
Class will begin immediately following Mass.**

***Being on time & regular attendance is expected.  
If 3 or more classes are missed, make-up sessions will be necessary.***