

# Our Florida Catholic History

## Unit/Lesson Plan

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<b>Title/Theme</b>	Our Lady of La Leche Devotion and Shrine
<b>Grade/Subject</b>	Fourth Grade
<b>Length of Unit/Timeframe</b>	<i>One week</i>
<b>Brief Summary of Lesson</b>	<i>In this unit lesson, students will study the history of the Our Lady of La Leche Shrine in St. Augustine, its history, and devotions to Our Lady. They will also learn how this devotion was part of the Spanish culture's influence in St. Augustine.</i>
<p><b>Diocesan Objective(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4.15: Identify the events in the Catholic Church that are often connected to the historical events of time (e.g. the first mass in St. Augustine, Father Lopez, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4.16: Identify St. Augustine, Florida as the location of the oldest permanent European settlement, parish, and Catholic community in Florida.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>4.17: Explain the impact of Spanish/Catholic influence on the establishment of Florida as a colony.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4.18: Explain the purpose of and daily life on missions (e.g. San Luis de Talimali in present day Tallahassee).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Instructional Activities/Strategies:</b></p> <p>Day 1: The devotion of Our Lady of La Leche originated in Spain and was brought over by the first settlers in St. Augustine. Share about the history of the devotion with students. Use <a href="http://www.catholicculture.org">www.catholicculture.org</a> to find information. Post/project on board an image of the statue and/or shrine in St. Augustine, also found on this site.</p> <p>Day 2: Focus the lesson on the devotion's history in St. Augustine, the trials the Spanish settlers endured, and the impact the devotion to Our Lady had on their faith and lives in St. Augustine. Stress to the students that this is the first shrine to Our Lady founded in the New World.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open the lesson with this discussion-starter or "Question of the Day": What difficulties do you think the early settlers had? Why do you think the Catholic settlers in St. Augustine would have a devotion to Our Lady of La Leche? Why might they ask for her intercession? Have students write a short answer to this question. Discuss possible answers with students.</li> <li>- Students discuss in groups how a devotion to Our Lady would bring the settlers hope. Then share answers in large group.</li> </ul> <p>Day 3: Share history of the Shrine to Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. Share how it survived hurricanes, battles, etc... Information can be found on <a href="http://www.missionandshrine.org">www.missionandshrine.org</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students create a timeline showing important dates of St. Augustine settlement, the Mission, and building of the shrine: 1.) Sept. 8, 1565 – when Pedro Menendez de Aviles landed, 2.) original chapel finished in 1678, 3.) original chapel destroyed by weather and attacks, 4.) 2<sup>nd</sup> chapel built and dedicated on Nov. 14, 1875 by Bishop Verot, 5.) destroyed by a hurricane shortly afterwards, 6.) The current Shrine was built by Bishop Curley and dedicated in 1914.</li> </ul> <p>Day 4: Introduce a new devotion to the students called "The Seven Sorrows of Mary." There are images/stations along the path at the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine (see attached photos). Begin by asking students to work in groups to discuss what they see in the photos from the stations. Have them generate what they believe the Seven Sorrows of Mary to be. Discuss as a whole group. The Seven Sorrows of Mary can be found online at <a href="http://www.sevensorrows.com">www.sevensorrows.com</a>.</p> <p>Day 5: Review the Seven Sorrows of Mary with the class using the website. Assign each group of students with a station/sorrow. Have each group write a prayer to pray that matches the station. Discuss how these two devotions of Mary are similar/different.</p> <p>Follow-up Activity: Use the prayers when you take a field trip to St. Augustine and visit the Mission Grounds, or display the</p>	

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prayers in your classroom during the Lenten season.

### UNIT READINGS AND VOCABULARY

<b>Non-Fiction Text(s) or Textbook</b>	<a href="http://www.catholicculture.org">www.catholicculture.org</a> , <a href="http://www.missionandshrine.org">www.missionandshrine.org</a> , <a href="http://www.sevensorrows.com">www.sevensorrows.com</a> , <a href="http://www.augustine.com/history/index.php">http://www.augustine.com/history/index.php</a>
<b>Fiction Text(s)</b>	
<b>Essential Unit Vocabulary</b>	<i>Our Lady of La Leche, Mission Nombre de Dios, Seven Sorrows of Mary</i>

### INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catholic Identity	<input type="checkbox"/> Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking/Listening	<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Thinking

### Summative and Formative Assessment(s):

Students create a timeline showing important dates of the Shrine: 1.) Sept. 8, 1565 – when de Aviles landed, 2.) original chapel finished in 1678, 3.) original chapel destroyed by weather and attacks, 4.) 2nd chapel built and dedicated on Nov. 14, 1875 by Bishop Verot, 5.) destroyed by a hurricane shortly afterwards, 6.) The current Shrine was built by Bishop Curley and dedicated in 1914.

End of Unit Assessment: Students write a paragraph telling how the devotion of Our Lady of La Leche influenced the lives of the settlers in St. Augustine. Include 2 or 3 main points: 1.) They asked for her intercession during the rough times at the beginning of their settlement, especially for their young infants and pregnancies; 2.) They asked for her intercession during times of severe weather, especially hurricanes, 3.) The Shrine was a symbol of their Catholic culture in the New World, 4.) The Shrine brought them peace and hope during difficult times.

### Materials/Equipment Needed

*Websites listed above*  
*Photographs of the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche from websites*  
*Photographs of the Seven Sorrows of Mary Stations on the Mission Grounds in St. Augustine from websites*  
*Classroom projector (and screen)*

### Site Visits

<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine	<input type="checkbox"/> Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission Nombre de Dios Grounds/Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our Lady of La Leche Shrine	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Motherhouse: Sisters of St. Joseph	

### Other notes or information

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