

Planting and Growing Your Catholic Garden

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lant this beautiful, Catholic garden, and see what fruit you will harvest! Invite our dear Lord and Lady to visit your garden. “Show your fruit” by copying at least one full Scripture or Catechism reference for each plant. (CCC stands for *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.) Suggested stories are from *Devotional Stories for Little Folks* by Nancy Nicholson (see www.chcweb.com).



Variation for Lent: Plant three rows each week to prepare for a fruitful Holy Week.

Plant three rows of SQUASH:

- **Squash** gossip—James 3:6 and Ephesians 4:29—Story: “Planting for the Harvest”
- **Squash** criticism—Matthew 7:4—Story: “Not THAT Sister”
- **Squash** indifference—Matthew 22:5, CCC #2094 (first section only)—Story: “God’s Whispers”

Plant three rows of LETTUCE:

- **Let us** be ready to make loving sacrifices—Matthew 16:24—Story: “Meg’s Sacrifices”
- **Let us** be faithful to Christ’s Church—CCC #936, Matthew 16:18—Story: “Yellowstone Bread”
- **Let us** read the Word, for ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ—Story: “Morning Devotions”

Plant three rows of PEAS:

- **Purity**—2 Corinthians 7:1, CCC #2532—Story: “One Hundred Percent”
- **Prayer**—CCC #2757—Story: “Little Breaths of Prayer”
- **Perseverance**—1 Corinthians 15:58—Story: “Coming Out of the Bushes”

Plant three rows of LETTUCE:

- **Let us** not be weary in doing good—Galatians 6:9—Story: “Can Do!”
- **Let us** be obedient—John 14:23—Story: “Celia’s eating blackberries!”
- **Let us** love one another—1 John 4:7—Story: “Did God just whisper?”

Finish your garden with TURNIPS:

- **Turn up** for Confession frequently—CCC #1486, John 20:23—Story: “Soul Doctor”
- **Turn up** for Holy Mass as often as possible—CCC #2192—Story: “Jesus Comes to Us”
- **Turn up** ready to follow Our Lady’s example to give all to Our Lord—Romans 12:1—Story: “Putting God First”

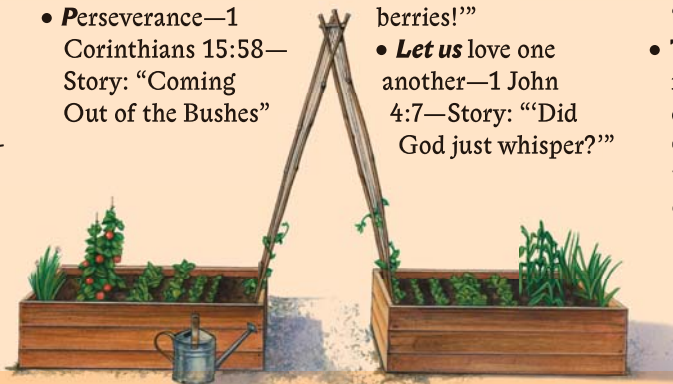


Chart Your Progress

Week 1: Squash

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Week 2: Lettuce

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Week 3: Peas

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Week 4: Lettuce

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Week 5: Turnips

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