

# Diocese of Bridgeport – Religion Standards – Grade 1



## KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

What do we believe as Catholics?  
Who is God the Father?  
Why did God the Father create all things?  
Who is God's Son?  
Who is the Holy Spirit?  
How does our knowledge of Jesus help us grow in love?  
What is the meaning of the word "Church?"  
How does God reveal Himself to us?

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| <b>A. Students will grow in their understanding of the Triune God.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.</li><li>➤ The Sign of the Cross and the Glory Be are prayers that relate to the Holy Trinity.</li></ul>  |
| <b>B. Students will grow in their understanding of God the Father.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ God is love and created the world.</li><li>➤ Human beings are created in God's image.</li><li>➤ God is our loving Father and wants us to live in forever with Him.</li><li>➤ We are loved by God and made to love like Him.</li></ul>   |
| <b>C. Students will grow in their understanding of God the Son.</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Jesus, the second person of the Holy Trinity, is the Son of God and we remember His birth by celebrating Christmas.</li><li>➤ God the Father shows his great love by sending His son, Jesus, into the world.</li><li>➤ Mary is the mother of Jesus.</li><li>➤ Jesus, Mary and Joseph make up the Holy Family.</li><li>➤ Jesus taught mercy and forgiveness through His words and actions.</li><li>➤ Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and rose to new life in Heaven.</li></ul> |
| <b>D. Students will grow in their understanding of the Holy Spirit.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity.</li><li>➤ Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to inspire us to live holy lives.</li><li>➤ The Holy Spirit works in our lives as a helper and guide.</li></ul>   |
| <b>E. Students will grow in their understanding of the Church.</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The word <i>church</i> has different meanings; one is the building and the other is the community who follows Jesus.</li><li>➤ The Church is the people of God gathered to worship Him.</li></ul>   |

**F. Students will grow in their understanding that the Bible is the Word of God that has been revealed to us.**

- The Bible is the Church's holy book.
- God speaks to His people through the Bible.
- The Bible contains two parts: the Old and the New Testament.

**G. Students will grow in their understanding of the Saints.**

- Saints are people who followed the example of Jesus and lived holy lives.
- There are many Saints; know some of their names and their stories.
- Mary is the Queen of Saints.
- Baptism brings us into the Church and we begin to follow the example of Jesus.

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## LITURGICAL EDUCATION

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

What are the necessary and important attitudes and behaviors we show at Mass?  
How is Jesus present in the sacraments?  
What are the seasons of the Liturgical year?  
What are ways Catholics mark the seasons of the Church year?

### STANDARD

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| <p><b>A. Students will grow in their understanding of the Mass.</b></p> <p><b>B. Students will grow in their understanding of the Sacraments.</b></p> <p><b>C. Students will grow in their understanding of the Liturgical Year.</b></p> <p><b>D. Students will grow in their understanding of other seasonal celebrations.</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ We worship God and show our love for Him when we attend and participate at Mass.</li><li>➤ There are two main parts of the mass; the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.</li><li>➤ Through participation in Mass, we are sent out to teach others about Jesus and about God’s love.</li><br/><li>➤ Jesus is present in the seven sacraments.</li><li>➤ The sacrament of Baptism initiates us into the faith.</li><li>➤ The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated at Mass.</li><br/><li>➤ The Liturgical Year celebrates the major events in the life of Jesus.</li><li>➤ Each season of the Liturgical year has a color associated with it.</li><br/><li>➤ The weeks of each season celebrate the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.</li><li>➤ There are special prayers we say in the different seasons.</li></ul> |
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## MORAL FORMATION

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- How does Jesus teach us to live as children of God?
- How can we live the Beatitudes?
- Why do we follow God's Commandments?
- What is conscience?
- How do the rules of the Church help us to live as disciples of Christ?

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| <b>A. Students will grow in their understanding of Life in Christ.</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Jesus came to show the Father's love.</li><li>➤ The Ten Commandments show us how to live as God wants us to.</li><li>➤ Jesus shows us how to live.</li></ul>  |
| <b>B. Students will grow in their understanding of the Beatitudes.</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that describe the way to live as disciples.</li><li>➤ The Sermon on the Mount is the summary of what Jesus taught about how to live God's Word.</li></ul>   |
| <b>C. Students will learn how Jesus taught the Great Commandment.</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Commandments are a guide for Catholics to live as God wants us to live.</li><li>➤ Christians define "good" as doing God's will.</li></ul>   |
| <b>D. Students will grow in their understanding of conscience.</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ God wants us to do good and avoid evil in order to live with Him in heaven when we die.</li></ul>   |
| <b>E. Students will grow in their understanding of sin and forgiveness.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Sin is intentionally saying "no" to what God asks of us.</li><li>➤ God created us with free will because He wants us to make good choices.</li><li>➤ Adam and Eve brought sin into the world. Their disobedience is called original sin.</li><li>➤ God always forgives those who are sincerely sorry for doing wrong.</li></ul> |
| <b>F. Students will grow in their understanding of Church Law.</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The laws of the Church help us to live in right relationships with God and others.</li><li>➤ The Holy Spirit guides the Church to help us live as Jesus' followers.</li></ul>   |

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## TEACHING TO PRAY

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

Why do we pray?  
How can we pray?

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**A. Students will grow in their understanding of prayer.**

- We can pray to God at any time and in any place.
- God is a father. A father is happy when a child does what a father asks.
- Jesus showed His followers how to pray and taught them the Lord's Prayer.
- We can praise God, thank God, and pray to God for what we need.
- We can pray alone or with others.

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## EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

How do we become part of the worshipping community?  
By actively participating in Mass, how do we praise and honor God?  
How do we grow in our faith?  
How does involvement in the parish help our faith grow?  
How does God call us to follow Jesus Christ?

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**A. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in the liturgical life of the Church.**

- The Mass is the gathering of the Catholic community to praise and thank God.
- Catholics participate at Mass by knowing and reciting the responses.
- The Mass includes readings from the Bible, remembering that Jesus gave His life for us, and receiving Holy Communion.
- The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**B. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in life-long faith formation.**

- People learn and grow in faith just as they learn and grow in other ways.
- The Scripture can help us grow in our faith.
- The grace of God is present in everyday life.

**C. Students will grow in their understanding of Church life at parish, Diocesan and universal levels.**

- We belong to a Church family. The parish is a community made up of the people of God led by the priest.
- The parish is a community of people who gather with the priest at church to praise and worship God.
- Every parish has a pastor who is a priest. He helps us to learn about and worship God in the celebration of the Mass.

**D. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in the ministry of the Church.**

- Jesus taught people to serve by helping others in a loving way.
- A disciple is a follower of Jesus who believes in Him and lives by His teachings.

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## MISSIONARY INITIATION

### GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- How does God call the Church to follow Jesus Christ?
- How can we show that we understand all life is sacred?
- How can we participate in community?
- How are we following Christ when we stand up for the rights of others?
- What can we do to help the poor in our communities?
- How do we respect workers?
- Who are my neighbors?
- What does God ask us to do with our environment?

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| <b>A. Students will grow in their knowledge of Catholic social teaching.</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Jesus calls us to serve one another.</li><li>➤ All life is sacred because God creates all life.</li></ul>   |
| <b>B. Students will grow in their understanding of justice and service.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ God’s creation is meant to be shared by all.</li><li>➤ God wants people to be fair, just and helpful to one another.</li></ul>  |
| <b>C. Students will grow in their understanding of the life and dignity of the human person.</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Every person is a wonderful gift from God and should be loved and treated with respect.</li><li>➤ We are all God’s children.</li><li>➤ God wants each person to respect the gift of their own body, and to never hurt the body of another person.</li></ul> |
| <b>D. Students will grow in their understanding of the call to family, community and participation in society.</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ God gave us our families to help us grow as children of God.</li><li>➤ God created us with talents and gifts to contribute to society.</li></ul>  |
| <b>E. Students will grow in their understanding of the rights of all people and their responsibilities toward others.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Rights are freedoms or things every person needs and should have.</li><li>➤ Responsibilities are our duties or things we must do.</li></ul>   |
| <b>F. Students will grow in their understanding of the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In Scripture Jesus says that whatever we have done for people who are poor or needy, we have also done for Him.<br/>Matthew 25:40</li></ul>   |

**G. Students will in their understanding of the dignity of the work and the rights of others.**

- Work is part of God's plan for people and everyone should receive just value for their work.
- All adults should be able to have a job if they want one.

**H. Students will grow in their understanding of solidarity.**

- We are all part of the human family.

**I. Students will grow in their understanding of the importance of caring for God's creation.**

- Christians are called to care for the environment because it is a part of God's creation.