



KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

How does the Trinity reveal God to us?
How do we show respect for all that God has created?
What do we know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth?
Who is Jesus Christ?
What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
How are we a part of God's community?
How does God call the Church to follow Jesus Christ?
How does God reveal Himself today?
How can the Saints help us?

STANDARD

CONTENT

A. Students will grow in their understanding of the Triune God.

- The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Trinity is a relationship of perfect love.

B. Students will grow in their understanding of God the Father.

- God the father created the world.
- God created the first human beings, Adam and Eve, who brought sin into the world.
- Jesus taught us to pray the Our Father.
- Jesus is God, the Father's gift to us.

C. Students will grow in their understanding of God the Son.

- God sent His Son, Jesus to be with us because He loves us.
- Jesus, the second person of the Holy Trinity, is the Son of God the Father.
- Jesus is both the Son of God and a human being.
- Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary.
- The Holy Family is Jesus' family on earth.
- Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' public teaching.
- Jesus came to form a people for Himself and to teach us how to live.
- Jesus was sent by God the Father to save us from our sins.
- Jesus died and rose to new life.
- Jesus promised to send us a protector – the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is always with us.
- Jesus promised us eternal life.

D. Students will grow in their understanding of the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity who is always with us.
- The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity who helps and guides us as Jesus promised.
- The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the courage to share the Good News on Pentecost.
- The power of the Holy Spirit makes us one with Jesus in Baptism.
- The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray.
- The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to guide the Church.

E. Students will grow in their understanding of the Church.

- Baptism makes us members of the Church community and removes original sin.
- The Church is a community of believers called to follow Jesus and each baptized person is called to follow Jesus.
- Jesus is present in the Church through the sacraments.
- The Church shares Jesus' message of God's love.
- Jesus established the Church with the apostles as the first leaders.

F. Students will grow in their understanding of the Revelation.

- The Bible is God's word that has been written down by human beings as inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- The Bible is made up of the Old and the New Testament.
- The life of Jesus is retold in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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

- A saint is a hero of the Church who lived as a disciple of Jesus on earth and is now with Him in Heaven.
- The Church honors the saints.

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LITURGICAL EDUCATION

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- How do we participate in Mass?
- How can we take what we learned at Mass and apply this to our everyday life?
- How does Jesus function through the sacraments?
- How does participation in the Sacraments lead us to service?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us to live as followers of Jesus?
- How does the Church celebrate the liturgical seasons?
- How do Catholics Pray?

STANDARD

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A. Students will grow in their understanding of worship.

- We worship God and show our love for Him by attending Mass.
- We worship through the Mass.
- The Mass is the source and summit (a central part) of who we are as Catholics.
- Through participation in Mass, we are sent out to teach others about Jesus and about God's love.

B. Students will grow in their understanding of the Sacraments.

- Jesus is present and shares His life and love with us in the seven sacraments.
- Sacraments are a community celebration.
- Sacraments are signs of God's love.
- Through the seven sacraments, we become part of the Body of Christ.
- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The Sacraments of Initiation welcome us into the Catholic Church.
- Reconciliation is the gift of God's forgiveness.
- During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Catholics have their sins forgiven, their relationship with God and with others restored, and are strengthened to live better as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Jesus is present in the Eucharist.
- During Mass, bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus at Consecration.
- The Sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick.
- The Sacraments of service are matrimony and Holy Orders.

C. Students will grow in their understanding of the Liturgical Year.

- The Liturgical Year celebrates events in the life of Jesus from His birth to His Resurrection and Ascension.
- The weeks of each season celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Lent is the season before Easter and is time for repentance.

D. Students will grow in their understanding of other ritual prayers of the Catholic Church.

- Prayer opportunities occur throughout the year liturgical year.
- There are prayers for Advent, Lent, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, etc.

MORAL FORMATION

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

What is the significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus?
How can we live the Beatitudes?
How do Jesus' commands guide our life?
How do the Commandments guide our daily lives?
How can we make good moral choices?

STANDARD

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A. Students will grow in their understanding of Life in Christ.

- Jesus' earthly life, death and resurrection redeemed us from our sins and the source of our salvation.

B. Students will grow in their understanding of the Beatitudes.

- The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that describe the way to live as His disciples.

C. Students will grow in their understanding of the Commandments.

- The Commandments are God's law.

D. Students will grow in their understanding of conscience.

- Conscience is God's gift of the Holy Spirit that lets us know what is right and wrong.
- God created human beings with free will to help us tell right from wrong.

E. Students will grow in their understanding of sin and forgiveness.

- Sin is a person's choice to disobey God on purpose and do what he or she knows is wrong.
- Mortal sin is serious and separates us from God.
- Venial sin does not separate us from God but strains our relationship with God and can lead us to more serious/mortal sins.

F. Students will grow in their understanding of Church Law and the Ten Commandments.

- We follow Jesus' example by treating others as we want to be treated, which shows love to God.
- The Holy Spirit helps to guide us/the Church.



TEACHING TO PRAY

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

How can I learn to pray as Jesus did?

How can Jesus' example improve the quality of prayer in your life?

STANDARD

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A. Students will grow in their understanding of prayer.

- Prayer is talking to and listening to God.
- We can pray alone or with others, aloud or quietly in our hearts.
- We pray to praise God, to give thanks, or to ask for something.
- The Lord's Prayer is one of the most perfect prayers.
- God speaks to us through the Bible.
- The Mass is the highest form of prayer.

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EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

How does gathering as a worshipping community give honor to God?
How do we grow in our life of faith?
How does God want the community to follow Christ?
How does God call the Universal Church to follow Jesus Christ?
How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus?

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| <p>A. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in the liturgical life of the Church.</p> | <p>➤ Catholics attend Mass on Sunday to worship God as a community.</p> |
| <p>B. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in life-long faith formation.</p> | <p>➤ Faith is a gift from God and it needs to be nurtured.</p> |
| <p>C. Students will grow in their understanding of Church life at parish, Diocesan and universal levels.</p> | <p>➤ 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.
➤ The student’s parish is one of many parishes in this community that make up our Diocese.</p> |
| <p>D. Students will grow in their understanding of participation in the ministry of the Church.</p> | <p>➤ God calls us to share His love with all people. We can share God’s love with our words or acts of Service in the Church.</p> |



MISSIONARY INITIATION

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- How do the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church build a better world?
- How would you show your understanding of justice and service to others?
- How would you explain the life and dignity of the human person?
- How can you identify with your growth within the family, community and society?
- What are our responsibilities toward others?
- How would you show your understanding of the poor and vulnerable in society?
- How do we work for each other?

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| A. Students will grow in their knowledge of Catholic social teaching. | ➤ As Catholics, we are called to serve one another. |
| B. Students will grow in their understanding of justice and service. | ➤ God has called us to care for the poor and vulnerable. |
| C. Students will grow in their understanding of the life and dignity of the human person. | ➤ All life is sacred from conception to natural death.
➤ All people regardless of age, race or gender, have the right to live and to the basic needs of life. |
| D. Students will grow in their understanding of the call to family, community and participation in society. | ➤ Human beings were created by God to live in families and communities. |
| E. Students will grow in their understanding of the rights of all people and their responsibilities toward others. | ➤ Everyone has rights: right to life and its basic necessities, the right to an education, the right to work, and the right to choose one's religion. |
| F. Students will grow in their understanding of the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. | ➤ God has called us to love everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable. |
| G. Students will in their understanding of the dignity of the work and the rights of others. | ➤ We are called to be stewards of the earth.
➤ Know that God made the whole world to be interconnected. |