

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade I

Doctrine

- Recognize that God is the creator of all things, Jesus is the Son of God and the Holy Spirit is a gift of Jesus sent to be with us always.
- Identity and honor Mary as the mother of Jesus.

Scripture

- Demonstrate reverence for the Bible as the Word of God.
- Demonstrate knowledge that the readings at Mass come from the Bible.
- Retell the Bible stories of creation, the birth of Jesus and the Easter story.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Tell that Baptism makes us children of God and welcomes us into the Christian family as followers of Jesus.
- Identify water as the primary symbol of Baptism.
- Recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Talk about their experience of participation in the Sunday Liturgy with the community.
- Demonstrate reverence for the church building as a sacred place.

Moral Formation

- Recognize that Jesus teaches and shows us how to love God and to love our neighbor.
- Recognize that their own behavior affects others.
- Describe that the Church is God's family and it is our responsibility to help each other to be holy.
- Recognize the importance of caring for their bodies as a gift from God.

Prayer and Spirituality

- Tell ways that God shows love for them.
- Describe prayer as talking with and listening to God.
- Quiet themselves for prayer.
- Say a personal prayer of thanksgiving.
- Show that they can pray daily.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Say the Sign of the Cross.
- Say the Hail Mary.
- Say the Lord's Prayer.

Service/Mission

- Describe ways to serve others in imitation of Jesus.
- Give examples and take action on ways to care for and respect God's gift of creation.