

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade 3

Doctrine

- Identify the mystery of the Trinity, one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Demonstrate understanding that God, the Father, takes care of us and is always faithful to us.
- Demonstrate an understanding that Jesus, God's son, is both human and divine.
- Demonstrate understanding that the Holy Spirit continues to dwell in our hearts and guides us.
- Identify the Apostles' Creed as a summary of our faith.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Nicene Creed and how it is part of our liturgy.
- Name the pope, the bishop and the pastor and describe their role in the church.
- Identify Mary as the mother of God and the Church.
- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the lives of the saints.

Scripture

- Demonstrate knowledge that the Bible is divided into two main sections: the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament.
- Describe the Hebrew Scriptures as the story of God's faithful relationship with his chosen people, the Jews.
- Demonstrate an understanding of God's covenant with Abraham and what this means to us.
- Describe the Gospels as the story of Jesus and His disciples who show us how to love God and others.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Recite the names of the seven Sacraments.
- Demonstrate knowledge of how the liturgical year helps to remind us of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
- Name the four ways that Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Give examples of how to actively participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Prayer and Spirituality

- Express the importance of and participate in the celebrations and practice of the liturgical season.
- Assume different roles in communal prayer.
- Recognize and appreciate different cultural experiences of Catholicism.
- Compose prayers for different occasions.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Say the Blessing Before Meals and After Meals.
- Say the Apostles' Creed.
- Say morning and evening prayers.

Service/Mission

- Tell stories of Jesus' service to others and share ways they can imitate him.
- Demonstrate an understanding that through our Baptism, we share in Jesus' mission to care for the poor and victims of injustice.
- Plan and participate in a service project.
- Describe the roles of the Pope, bishops, priests and deacons in service to the community.