

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade 5

Doctrine

- Explain that Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah sent to save us.
- Explain that the purpose of Christian life is to know, love and serve God and to live forever with God in heaven.
- Define the term "revelation" and give examples of God's revelation to people through the ages.
- Explain the Church as the "People of God" and the "Body of Christ".
- Explain the teaching authority of the magisterium.
- Explain the meaning of "communion of saints".
- Demonstrate an understanding that we are called to participate in bringing about the Kingdom of God.

Scripture

- Explain that God speaks to us in the Liturgy of the Word.
- Explain that the Law, the Torah and the Pentateuch all refer to the first five books of the bible.
- Apply the meaning of God's message in selected Sunday readings.
- Explain the relationship between the Bible and the Lectionary used at Mass.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Explain why Triduum is the central liturgical celebration of the year.
- Identify that Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are Sacraments of Initiation.
- Identify that Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing.
- Identify that Matrimony and Holy Orders are Sacraments of Service to the Community.
- Describe the roles of bishops, priests and deacons.
- Demonstrate an understanding that the Church is a worshipping community enriched by the Sacraments and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Moral Formation

- Discuss the consequences of sin in their own lives and in the life of their community.
- Share stories that demonstrate how to live their faith at home, work, school, sports and social activities.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the community as a source of guidance, support and challenge for moral living.
- Identify at least five saints, including their own patron saint, and describe a virtue they can imitate of each saint.

Prayer and Spirituality

- Identify five commonly used sacramentals and explain how they remind of our relationship with Jesus.
- Express reverence and use appropriate gestures, postures and responses in liturgical celebrations.
- Practice meditative prayer.
- Discuss the importance and challenges of being faithful to daily prayer.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Say the Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.
- Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Name the major celebrations and seasons of the Church year.

Service/Mission

- Describe gospel passages that show Jesus as a person of service.
- Demonstrate an understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Plan and participate in a parish service project and reflect on its purpose.
- Describe the roles of the laity in Church leadership and ministry.