

Third Grade

Theme: God wants us to love and serve him as His family the Church. The Church, led by the Holy Spirit, continues the work of Jesus. It is connected to Jesus through the successors of the Apostles, the Bishops, and through the sacraments.

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Overview of Grade Level from Curriculum Guide

Knowledge:

The Church is the family of God, founded by Jesus upon the Apostles. _____

The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. _____

The Pope, the successor of St. Peter, is the head of the Church on earth.. _____

The teachings of Jesus are guarded by the Church. _____

The Apostles' Creed expresses the teachings of the Church. _____

The "birthday" of the Church was the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles on Pentecost. _____

Jesus is in the Church, in His Word and in the Eucharist. _____

The saints are also a part of our family who gone to heaven. _____

Our Church is one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic. _____

Liturgy and Sacraments:

Our Church joins together every Sunday or Saturday Vigil for our **highest worship**, the Mass (Eucharist). _____

Jesus truly shares himself and is **truly present** with us just as he said and did at the Last Supper before He suffered and died on the cross. _____

We celebrate feast days and seasons to help us remember Jesus life. _____

Sacramentals prepare us for the sacraments and help us to pray and remember our Faith. _____

Moral Formation:

Happiness is loving Jesus and living the way he did by loving God and others. _____

God's family includes everyone. _____

All people have dignity from conception until natural death. _____

God created the world to be good. _____

Worship and Prayer:

We should show reverence for the Bible, the word of God. _____

We participate with reverence during all forms of prayer. _____

We know that God is with us where ever two or more are gathered in His name. _____

We know the rosary is a prayer through Mary, our mother. _____

We participate in prayer services celebrating God's creation and His forgiveness. _____

We participate regularly in Mass on Sundays (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) and on Holy Days of Obligation. _____

We understand the role of the priest. _____

We should participate in Advent and Lenten activities to become familiar with these liturgical seasons. _____

Community:

Be aware of God's gifts and how He shows us love. _____

Recognize ourselves as unique and special and use our gifts to serve the Church. _____

Appreciate the Sacrament of Matrimony and the holiness of family life and show respect to each member of our family. _____

Know the names of Church leaders (pope, bishop, pastor). _____

Develop a sense of belonging to the parish and know about its activities and ministries. _____

Missionary Spirit:

Model Jesus as the way we should live, loving all people and performing good acts and giving our best to others. _____

Value all forms of life and care for all God's creation. _____

Understand saints are people who lived lives of holiness and service in God's name. _____

Know that Jesus told us to go out into the world and tell everyone about Him. _____

Vocabulary

- apostle
- Apostle's Creed
- bishop
- communion of saints
- deacon
- diocese
- faithful
- genuflection
- hierarchy
- Holy Father
- kingdom
- Kingdom of God
- laying on of hands
- minister
- ministry
- mission
- missionary
- miter
- Monsignor
- ordain
- papacy
- pastor
- Pentecost
- people of God
- Pope
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Sacrament of Holy Orders
- Sacrament of Matrimony
- Sacred scripture
- sponsor
- unite
- Vatican

Scripture

Passage

- Mt 13:1-53
- Mk 1:40-45
- Mk 7:31-37
- Lk 13:10-13
- Lk 24:13-35
- Jn 6
- Jn 21:15-17
- Acts 2:1-14
- Acts 2:42-47
- Acts 8:26-40

Description

- Parables of the Kingdom
- Cure of a Leper
- Cure of a Deaf Man
- Cure of a Woman with a Hemorrhage
- Road to Emmaus
- Jesus, Source of Life
- Peter the Shepherd
- Descent of the Holy Spirit
- Beginning of the Christian Community
- Philip and the Ethiopian

Prayers to Memorize

Grace Before Meals

Grace After Meals

The Apostles' Creed