

SECOND GRADE

Theme

We meet Jesus in the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. We learn the Eucharist is the special bread and wine that through the priest's blessing becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is our source of spiritual nourishment and strength for the body and soul. Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness. In the Sacrament of Penance, through the priest, God forgives our sins, gives us His grace and helps us to become more like Jesus.

Knowledge of the Faith

- † The Most Holy Trinity consists of the Almighty Father, His only Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. CCC 238-267
- † The Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. CCC 120-133
- † Satan was created by God as an angel, and had a distinct role in the fall of man. CCC 391-395, 414-415
- † Original sin affects all of mankind. CCC 388-389, 396-421
- † Jesus is the Son of God, who became man. CCC 422-423, 461, 463, 470
- † Jesus, the Savior of the world, died on the cross to save ALL people. CCC 457, 604-607
- † When Jesus ascended to His Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. CCC 669, 690
- † Jesus is still present today in the Word and in the Church, most especially in the Eucharist. CCC 1088, 1373
- † Goodness and evil exist in the world. CCC 339, 309-324
- † Death is to be seen as the passage to eternal life and so our earthly life is preparation for our eternal life. CCC 997-1014
- † Christ's Resurrection is a foreshadowing of the physical resurrection we will all experience at the end of time. CCC 997-1014
- † God made us in His image and likeness CCC 356-361; GDC 100

Liturgy and the Sacraments

- † The seven sacraments--Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Marriage--were given to us by Jesus and are the means by which Jesus gives us His life. CCC 1115, 1116; NDC 35

- ✠ Jesus gave us special gifts of His presence: a sharing in God's life through Baptism, His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. CCC 1373; NDC 35
- ✠ Through Baptism we become members of God's family, the Roman Catholic Church. CCC 804, 1213, 1267
- ✠ In the Sacrament of Penance, we express sorrow for our sins and we are forgiven. CCC 1448, 1449-1460
- ✠ If we are sorry, and we seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance, God will always forgive us when we sin. CCC 1847, 1422, 1496
- ✠ More specifically, the essential elements of the Sacrament of Penance are:
 - Examination of conscience CCC 1454
 - Confession CCC 1455-1456, 1458
 - Act of sorrow/contrition CCC 1451-1453
 - Purpose of amendment CCC 1451-1453
 - Penance and absolution CCC 1459-1460
- ✠ The power of the Sacrament of Penance has been handed down from the Apostles. CCC 1446, 1485
- ✠ Jesus gave the priest the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Penance. CCC 1461, 1495; NDC 36.B.1
- ✠ Jesus gave us himself in the Eucharist at the Last Supper. CCC 610
- ✠ In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus continues to give himself in the bread and wine that become His Body and Blood. CCC 1333
- ✠ The parts of the Mass are: listening to God's Word, offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father, and receiving Jesus in Communion. CCC 1847
- ✠ Through the Body and Blood of Christ all people become one. CCC 1422, 1496; NDC 36.A.1

Moral Formation

- ✠ The Holy Spirit assists us to make good decisions. CCC 1742
- ✠ The conscience is God's voice in people's hearts helping them do what God calls them to do, what is good. CCC 1777

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| † Sin is deciding to do what one knows is wrong and breaks a person's relationship with God, what is bad. | CCC 386, 1487, 1849-1851 |
| † God desires His people to forgive others. | CCC 1469, 1829 |
| † Following the conscience as God made it makes one truly free and happy. | CCC 1733 |
| † Jesus' obedience to the Father is a sign and model for the life of a Christian. | CCC 532, 606-607 |
| † People receive Jesus so that they can become more like Jesus. | CCC 460, 752, 1068 |
| † Jesus is always ready to assist in attempts to live more like Him. | CCC 668-670, 1698 |
| † Every person is called to be a saint. | CCC 825 |
| † God gives us the gift of free will to be able to choose either "good" or "bad." | CCC 1777-1779 |

Worship/Prayer: GDC 85; NDC 20, 34

- † Show reverence for the Bible.
- † Participate in prayer at every gathering.
- † Show reverence during all forms of prayer.
- † Participate in different forms of prayer, i.e., quiet reflection, guided meditation, song, spontaneous, petition, thanksgiving, praise and sorrow, Eucharistic Adoration.
- † Participate in formal prayer, i.e., Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.
- † Participate in prayer services celebrating God's creation and His forgiveness.
- † Participate with all other Catholics in Sunday Mass (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) where we hear God's Word and share the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- † Understand the priest as a person chosen by God to represent Christ in the Church and to God's disciples. The priest leads us in prayer at Mass.
- † Participate in activities for Advent and Lent to appreciate the significance of these liturgical seasons, e.g., the Advent wreath, Stations of the Cross.
- † Memorize required prayers of grade level.
- † Understand the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) as the most important prayer of the Church.
- † Value Sunday as the Lord's Day when we gather to offer praise and thanksgiving to God.
- † Understand a genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament as a prayer of reverence.

- † Appreciate the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass as a way of joining our prayers with those of the local community and our Church family throughout the world.

Community: GDC 86, 106; NDC 20

- † Be aware of God's creation, recognizing ourselves as unique and special parts of creation, wanting to be with God eternally.
- † Understand ways that God has shown us love.
- † Appreciate the different groups to which we belong - Church, parish, community, family, school.
- † Value our own family and extended family and show love and respect to each member and God.
- † Appreciate the Sacrament of Matrimony and the holiness of family life.
- † Become aware that Baptism makes us part of the larger family of God, the Church.
- † Develop a sense of belonging to our parish community.
- † Participate in special events with the parish such as the feast of the parish's patron saint, holiday customs, blessings, and social events.
- † Become aware of ministries in the parish, i.e., pastor, deacon, catechist, lector, cantor, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, altar server.
- † Understand the Church as the community of Jesus' followers gathered by the Spirit.
- † Develop an attitude of self-giving.
- † Understand that we belong to the Roman Catholic Church founded by Christ.

Missionary Spirit: CCC 897, 1822-1829; GDC 86; NDC 20, 43.B-D

- † Become aware of the ways people care for us.
- † Be able to perform good acts and give our best to others.
- † Explore ways we can show that we care for all God's creation.
- † Understand that we must love ALL people, even those who are different from us.
- † Value Jesus as a model for the way we should live.
- † Value all forms of life as a sacred gift.
- † Understand saints as people who lived lives of holiness and service in God's name.
- † Participate in Advent and Lenten activities that reach out to the wider community.

- ✚ Live the law of love: love God and love others as oneself.
- ✚ Appreciate that we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord, using the gifts and talents God gave to us.
- ✚ Understand that we must include ALL people in our caring and good actions because God calls us to be responsible for others.
- ✚ Understand that the friends and followers of Jesus act in loving ways and serve others in need.
- ✚ Understand that God made each of us to grow up and help others in our own special way as a married person and parent, a single person, a sister or brother, or a priest.

Scripture

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| Mark 12:41-44 | The Widow's Mite |
| Mark 6:31-44 | Multiplication of the Loaves |
| Mark 8:1-10 | Multiplication of the Loaves |
| John 17:1-26 | The Last Supper |
| Luke 22:7-20 | The Last Supper |
| Matthew 26:26-30 | The Last Supper |
| Mark 14:22-26 | The Last Supper |
| Luke 22:54-62 | Peter's Denial |
| Luke 24:13-35 | Road to Emmaus |
| John 20:19-23 | Whose Sins You Forgive |
| Luke 15:11-24 | The Prodigal Son/Loving Father |
| Luke 17:11-17 | The Ten Lepers |
| Luke 15:1-7 | The Lost Sheep |
| Matthew 18:10-14 | The Lost Sheep |
| Mathew 6:9-13 | The Lord's Prayer |
| John 10:11-15 | Good Shepherd |
| Luke 10:25-37 | Good Samaritan |

FIRST PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Knowledge of the Faith

- ✠ The Ten Commandments are good guides for an examination of conscience. CCC 1962
- ✠ The priest is the sinner's friend, and is the sign and instrument of God's love for the sinner. CCC 1465
- ✠ Jesus gave the priest authority to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Penance. CCC 1441, 1442, 1444, 1461
- ✠ God forgives us in many ways. CCC 1434-1438
- ✠ Reconciliation frees us from sin and gives us grace, God's own life. CCC 1468, 1496

Liturgy and the Sacraments

- ✠ The Sacrament of Penance is a sacrament of healing and a sign of God's mercy and love. CCC 1421, 1428
- ✠ The Sacrament of Penance is the ordinary means of sacramental forgiveness. CCC 1424, 1484
- ✠ There are other times we ask for forgiveness such as in the Penitential Rite in the Mass. CCC 1434
- ✠ The Sacrament of Penance welcomes us back to close relationship with God and the community. CCC 1422, 1424, 1440, 1443, 1462, 1468, 1469
- ✠ We go to the Reconciliation Room/confessional to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with the priest.
- ✠ The steps in the Rite of Reconciliation are: CCC 1480, 1491
 - Examination of Conscience CCC 1454
 - Confessing our sins CCC 1448
 - Accepting a penance CCC 1448
 - Praying an Act of Contrition CCC 1451
 - Receiving absolution CCC 1449
 - Practice of penance CCC 1494

Moral Formation

- ✠ Regular confession is a way to grow in faith. CCC 1458
- ✠ Reconciliation is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sin and helpful for the forgiveness of venial sin and the strengthening of virtue. CCC 1446, 1447, 1456-1458, 1493
- ✠ The Holy Spirit helps us to make right choices. CCC 1433
- ✠ Sin is a break in our relationship with God. CCC 1440, 1459
- ✠ God will always forgive us when we make wrong choices if we are sorry. CCC 1431, 1432
- ✠ God gives us the freedom to make choices, called free will. CCC 1730
- ✠ The friends and followers of Jesus act in loving ways.
- ✠ God's grace changes His followers so they can go out and love others.
- ✠ As we grow, we learn to be more responsible.

Worship/Prayer: GDC 85; NDC 20, 34

- ✠ Participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.
- ✠ Examine one's conscience to prepare for penance.
- ✠ Apologize to God with an Act of Contrition.
- ✠ Memorize the prayers for your grade level, especially the Act of Contrition.

Community: GDC 86, 106; NDC 20

- ✠ God wants us to forgive others.
- ✠ Value the role of parents and teachers in making right choices.
- ✠ Realize that we can be selfish and how that selfishness affects other people.
- ✠ Understand that family and friends can also help us to make right choices.

Missionary Spirit: CCC 897, 1822-1829; GDC 86; NDC 20, 43.B-D

- ✚ Participate in activities to serve others as a way to show love for God and forgiveness and love for others.
- ✚ Participate in activities that show a good example to others.
- ✚ Understand we cannot love God without loving people around us.
- ✚ Participate in penance services.

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| John 10:11-15 | Good Shepherd |
| Luke 10:25-37 | Good Samaritan |
| Luke 19:1-10 | The Story of Zacchaeus |
| Matthew 13:30 | Image of Wheat and Weeds |
| Psalms 145 | Psalms of praise to God's majesty and loving providence |
| Matthew 9:1-8 | Cure of the Paralytic |
| Mark 2:1-12 | Cure of the Paralytic |
| John 20:19-23 | Jesus gives the gift of forgiveness of sins |

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Knowledge of the Faith

- ✠ The Eucharist is our celebration of unity, reconciliation and peace. CCC 1325-1326, 1393
- ✠ In the Scriptures, Jesus teaches us that He is the Bread of Life. (John 6) CCC 1338
- ✠ Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. CCC 1374, 1378
- ✠ Our Church celebrates Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and special holy days. We also honor Mary, the Mother of God, and the saints. CCC 1163, 1171-1173
- ✠ Jesus blessed food before He gave it to people. CCC 1334-1335
- ✠ The Eucharist is both meal and sacrifice. CCC 1330, 1382
- ✠ The Mass commemorates Jesus' sacrifice. CCC 1341
- ✠ At the Last Supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood. CCC 1323
- ✠ In celebrating the Mass, Jesus shows care for His entire people of God. CCC 1368

Liturgy and the Sacraments

- ✠ The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus. CCC 1328
- ✠ The Mass is the most important prayer of the Catholic Church. CCC 1324
- ✠ In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the Gospel stories about Jesus. CCC 1349
- ✠ The bread and wine that become the Eucharist are consecrated by the priest, through the power of the Holy Spirit. These gifts of bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. CCC 1333, 1353, 1357, 1375
- ✠ Jesus gives himself to us as food at every Mass. CCC 1392
- ✠ At Mass, we remember the Last Supper and we share the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. CCC 1323, 1329

- ✠ At Mass, Jesus is present in the Word of God, the Eucharist, the person of minister, and the assembly. CCC 1088, 1373
- ✠ The parts of the Mass are: CCC 1346
 - The gathering in which we come together to pray as one family. CCC 1348, 1349
 - The readings through which we listen to God's Word. CCC 1346, 1349
 - The presentation and preparation of the gifts where we prepare to thank God and offer ourselves with Jesus to the Father. CCC 1350, 1351
 - The Eucharistic Prayer in which, at the consecration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. CCC 1352-1354
 - The reception of Holy Communion in which we receive Jesus. CCC 1331, 1355
 - The dismissal in which we are blessed to go out and help others. CCC 1332, 1397
- ✠ In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we remember and give thanks for Jesus' death and Resurrection. CCC 1328-1337
- ✠ The priest repeats Jesus' words and actions in the Eucharistic Prayer. CCC 1341
- ✠ There are two main ways of receiving communion: on one's hand or directly on one's tongue.

Moral Formation

- ✠ We should receive Communion often and worthily. CCC 1384-1385, 1387-1389

Worship/Prayer: GDC 85; NDC 20, 34

- ✠ Participate in spontaneous prayer.
- ✠ Understand and participate in the gestures and postures for the various parts of the liturgy.
- ✠ Participate regularly with all other Catholics in Sunday Mass (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) and holy days of obligation.

Community: GDC 86, 106; NDC 20

- ✚ Understand that it is important to participate in the Eucharistic liturgy with your family.
- ✚ Participate in the singing, responses, and listening with the parish community at Mass each Sunday (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday).
- ✚ Participate in parish worship and social activities for the liturgical seasons and feasts.
- ✚ Understand the role of the laity, religious, and priests as one service.
- ✚ Visit the church to discover the meaning of the different areas, decorations, and objects used at Mass.

Missionary Spirit: CCC 897, 1822-1829; GDC 86; NDC 20, 43.B-D

- ✚ Realize that God wants us to welcome ALL people of whatever ability and culture to our faith community.
- ✚ Understand that God is present to us through every person and every piece of creation.
- ✚ Be aware that God calls us to be responsible for others, especially people in need.
- ✚ Understand that we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord, using the gifts and talents God gave us.
- ✚ Recognize the connection between our call to serve others and how Jesus gave himself to us in the Eucharist.

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| John 21:1-14 | Jesus at the Seashore |
| Acts 2:42-47 | Community Sharing All Things |