

FIRST GRADE

Theme

God our Father shows His love through the many gifts of creation. Jesus, God's Son and our brother, teaches us about the Father. Jesus sends us His Holy Spirit to be our helper and guide. We become members of the Catholic Church through Baptism, are strengthened for living as God's children through Confirmation, united with Christ in the Eucharist and forgiven of our sins through Reconciliation.

Knowledge of the Faith

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| ✠ God is a loving Father. | CCC 239; NDC 28.A.1 |
| ✠ There are three persons in the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. | CCC 253-255; GDC 99, 100; NDC 28.A.1-3 |
| ✠ God is the loving Creator of all things which are very good. He loves all people and is our friend. | CCC 270, 279-280, 293, 299-301, 338; NDC 28.A.1 |
| ✠ Jesus is the Son of God, our brother, teacher, and redeemer. He was sent by God, the Father, to save us and show us how the Father wants us to live. | CCC 240, 420, 422, 425, 427, 517, 2782; GDC 98, 102; NDC 28.A.2 |
| ✠ The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to give us gifts of peace, strength, and joy. | CCC 728-730, 736; NDC 28.A.3 |
| ✠ We belong to the Roman Catholic Church and are called Christians. The Church also includes those who have gone before us, the Saints in heaven. | CCC 830-833, 836, 2030, 2683-2384; GDC 95, 105; NDC 36.A.1 |
| ✠ An angel is a special messenger from God. | CCC 328-331 |
| ✠ Mary is the mother of Jesus, and Joseph is His foster (earthly) father. | CCC 495, 532; GDC 196; NDC 16.A |
| ✠ Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. | CCC 533, 594 |

Liturgy and the Sacraments

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| ✠ Through Baptism we are made sons and daughters of God and become part of God's family. | CCC 804, 1267-1270, 1213; GDC 65, 106; NDC 36.A.1 |
| ✠ Special parts of the church are the crucifix, altar, tabernacle, baptismal font, holy water font, reconciliation rooms or confessionals. | CCC 1182-1186 |
| ✠ The Eucharist is both a special meal that Jesus shares with us and a sacrifice of His love for us. It is also a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to the Father. | CCC 1328-1329, 1382-83; NDC 36.A.3 |

- ✚ During the Eucharist (Mass), we remember what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper before He suffered and died for us on the cross. CCC 1365; NDC 36.A
- ✚ During the Mass, Jesus is with us in the Eucharist. CCC 1373-1375; NDC 36.A.3
- ✚ God always forgives us if we ask and are sorry. CCC 1431-32, 1439, 1847; NDC 36.B.1
- ✚ The Sacrament of Penance is a special way God shows His love and forgiveness. CCC 1422, 1440, 1468; NDC 36.B.1
- ✚ Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. CCC 524-25
- ✚ Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. CCC 640, 642, 1169

Moral Formation

- ✚ We can grow to become loving parents, single people, priests and religious brothers and sisters. CCC 825
- ✚ God's family includes people of every race, age, culture and ability, having dignity from conception to death. CCC 225

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.
- ✚ 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 be God's disciple. 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.

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.
- ✚ Be able to recognize the steps that are needed to be taken to keep self safe in a situation.

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.
- ✚ 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.

Scripture

<u>Passage</u>	<u>Description</u>
Genesis 1:1-24	Creation
Luke 1:26-56	Annunciation
Luke 2:1-20	Nativity
Matthew 2:9b-11	Epiphany
Luke 10:25-37	Good Samaritan
Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus
Luke 2:40-52	Finding in the Temple
Mark 10:13-16	Jesus Blesses the Children
Luke 11:1-4	Lord's Prayer
Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem
Matthew 26:26-39	Last Supper
Luke 22:14-20	Last Supper
John 20:1-18	Jesus Rises from the Dead and Appears to the Disciples
Luke 24:49	Pentecost/Holy Spirit

Students should be familiar with the following terms:

(Italicized terms have been introduced at an earlier grade level.)

<i>Advent</i>	devil	incense	<i>priest</i>
alleluia	dishonesty	<i>Jesus</i>	resurrection
altar	disobey/disobedient	John the Baptist	rosary
<i>Amen</i>	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	sacrament
<i>angel</i>	evil	<i>Last Supper</i>	Sacrament of
<i>Baptism</i>	<i>family</i>	<i>Lent</i>	Baptism
<i>Bible</i>	<i>Father</i>	lie	<i>saint</i>
<i>Catholic</i>	forgiveness	<i>Lord</i>	statue
chastity	<i>God</i>	<i>love</i>	tabernacle
<i>Christ</i>	godparent	<i>Mary</i>	Ten Commandments
Christian	<i>heaven</i>	<i>Mass</i>	thanksgiving
<i>Christmas</i>	holy	miracle	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>Holy Family</i>	<i>nun</i>	Trinity
<i>creation</i>	Holy Spirit	paradise	wrong
<i>cross</i>	<i>holy water</i>	<i>parish</i>	
crucifix	homily	<i>prayer</i>	

Prayers

(Italicized prayers have been introduced at an earlier grade level.)

Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Blessing before Meals

Hail Mary
Glory Be
Angel of God