

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.

<u>Six Tasks of Catechesis</u>	<u>Overview of Grade Level from Curriculum Guide</u>	
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.	_____