

THIRD GRADE

Theme

God wants us to love Him and serve Him. We are to do this within His family, the Church. In the Church, the children of the Father continue the work of Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit. The Church is connected to Christ through the teachings of the Apostles and through the sacraments.

Knowledge of the Faith

- ✠ Jesus called us into the Church. CCC 2566-2577
- ✠ Jesus chose 12 Apostles and placed Peter at their head. CCC 552-553; GDC 43
- ✠ The Holy Spirit gathered the people of God at Pentecost. CCC 1086-1087; NDC 9
- ✠ The Church is the family of God, with Christ at the head. He is still here in His Word, in His Eucharist, and in His Church. CCC 669, 737, 1076; GDC 98; NDC 19.B
- ✠ Bishops are successors to the Apostles, and they lead the Church. CCC 857; NDC 16.B
- ✠ The Pope is the successor to Peter, and he is the head of the Church on earth. CCC 882; NDC 64
- ✠ The Church (especially the bishops) guards the teaching of Christ. CCC 1558; GDC 45-46; NDC 16.B
- ✠ The Church is one, holy, catholic (universal), and apostolic. CCC 811
- ✠ The Apostles' Creed expresses the teachings of the Church. CCC 194; GDC 83; NDC 23
- ✠ The saints are people in God's heavenly family. CCC 867; GDC 105
- ✠ By living a life of chastity, we bind our families and the Church of God. CCC 2340, 2345-2347

Liturgy and the Sacraments

- ✠ Sacramentals prepare us to receive the sacraments. We are to be familiar with sacramental objects and their use: churches, altars, sacred vessels, vestments, oil, candles, relics, rosaries, holy water, statues, etc. CCC 1671-1674, 1677; NDC 38.A
- ✠ We celebrate feast days and seasons. GDC 207; NDC 37.A

- ✠ We join the community of the Church every Sunday (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) for our highest worship in the Mass. NDC 36.A.3
- ✠ The Eucharist is Jesus sharing Himself with us. CCC 1328-1329, 1382-83; NDC 36.A
- ✠ What Jesus said and did at the Last Supper before He suffered and died for us on the cross is made present during the Mass. CCC 1365; NDC 36.A
- ✠ During the Mass, Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. CCC 1373-1375; NDC 36.A

Moral Formation

- ✠ We listen to God and do what He wants by living the way Jesus did and by loving God and others. CCC 825-826; NDC 40
- ✠ God made the world to be good. CCC 339
- ✠ God's family includes people of every race, age, culture, and ability, all having dignity from conception to natural death. CCC 225
- ✠ Happiness is loving Jesus and following the law of love. CCC 1426-1432; GDC 53-55; NDC 17.B
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Know that where two or more are gathered in prayer, God is present.
- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Recognize the Rosary as a prayer through Mary, our mother.
- ✠ Participate in prayer services celebrating God's creation and His forgiveness.
- ✠ Participate regularly with all other Catholics in Sunday Mass (or the vigil of Sunday Mass on Saturday) and holy days of obligation.

- ✚ 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.

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 shows us love.
- ✚ Begin to use your gifts to serve the Church.
- ✚ Appreciate the different groups to which we belong - Church, parish, community, family, school.
- ✚ Value our 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.
- ✚ Know the names of the leaders of the Church (pope, bishop, pastor, etc.).
- ✚ 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 steps that are needed to be taken to keep self safe in any 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.
- ✚ Value all forms of life as a sacred gift.
- ✚ Know that Jesus told us, His disciples, to go out into the world and tell everyone about Him.
- ✚ 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>
Matthew 13:1-53	Parables of the Kingdom
Mark 1:40-45	Cure of a Leper
Mark 7:31-37	Cure of a Deaf Man
Luke 13:10-13	Cure of a Woman with a Hemorrhage
Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus
John 6	Jesus, Source of Life
John 21:15-17	Peter the Shepherd
Acts 2:1-41	Descent of the Holy Spirit
Acts 2:42-47	Beginning of the Christian Community
Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the Ethiopian