

Fourth Grade

Theme: Jesus calls us to be perfect like our heavenly Father is perfect. He loves us and gives us the help we need to become perfect. Jesus established the Church where we might be nurtured and taught. He wants us to follow the example of his Mother and live a life of virtue. He gives us seven sacraments through which we may experience Him and be transformed by Him.

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Overview of Grade Level from Curriculum Guide

Knowledge of Faith:	Jesus made holiness possible by His life, death, and resurrection. _____ We are created in the image and likeness of God. _____ The Church was "born" at Pentecost by the Holy Spirit's work. _____ Peter was the first head of the Church. _____ The Church is God's presence in the world. _____ The Church has five precepts that help guide us to holiness: _____ attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, Confession, reception _____ of the Eucharist, fasting and abstaining, and support of the Church. _____ Mary is our model. _____ St. Paul was a great Apostle. _____
Liturgy and Sacraments:	Baptism: makes us members of God's family and cleanses us of original sin _____ Eucharist: strengthens our relationship with God and others. _____ Confirmation: increases Baptismal graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit _____ and bonds us to the church and helps us to witness Jesus to others. _____ Matrimony: places a man and a woman in a union with each other and God _____ and is founded on equal dignity and unreserved self-giving. _____ Holy Orders: Places a man in service to the Church. _____ Reconciliation: We express our sorrow and God forgives. _____ Anointing of the Sick: Heals and gives rest. _____ Mass: Most important work of Church. _____ Salvation history unfolds in liturgical year. _____
Moral Formation:	We believe and obey God. _____ Personal sin exists because of original sin. _____ Our choice not to obey God's laws breaks our relationship with God. _____ The Ten Commandments guide our actions. _____ The greatest commandment is: love God and neighbor. _____ The Beatitudes guide us to holiness. _____ Our conversion of heart is the beginning of holiness. _____
Worship and Prayer:	We should show reverence for the Bible, the word of God. _____ 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

- abstinence
- age of reason
- All Souls
- authority
- beatitudes
- blessing
- Calvary
- canonization
- cathedral
- charity

- community
- conversion
- Corporal Works of Mercy
- disciple
- Emmanuel
- free will
- holy day of obligation
- humility
- Immaculate Conception
- law of love

- liturgy
- Madonna
- obedience
- patron saint
- redemption
- reverence
- soul
- Spiritual Works of Mercy
- state of grace
- witness

Scripture

Passage

- Gen 2-3
- Mt 5:1-12
- Mt 25
- Lk 10:25-28
- Lk 12:27-34
- Lk 15:11-32
- Lk 23:39-43
- Jn 4:21-24
- Jn 7:1-10, 11-17
- Jn 13:34-35
- Jn 14:1-6
- Jn 15:21
- Jn 20:1-10, 11-18
- Jn 20:19-23

Description

- The Fall
- The Beatitudes
- The Works of Mercy and Last Judgement
- Jesus' Great Commandment
- Lilies of the Field
- Prodigal Son
- The Good Thief
- Worship
- The Life of Love
- Love One Another
- The Way, Truth, and Life
- Reaction of the World
- The Empty Tomb
- The Gift of Penance

Prayers

- Act of Faith**
- Act of Hope**
- Act of Love**