

## Grade Three Religion Curriculum

### Goal

Help students understand the revelation of God: through Jesus Christ, Sacred Scripture, and through Church Traditions

### Outcomes

- To give a simple explanation of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity
- To expand the understanding of the church and its mission
- To understand and participate in the liturgical year
- To name and explain briefly the seven sacraments
- To introduce students to the evangelicals activities of the parish community
- To introduce and develop the structure of church leadership
- To introduce the social teachings of the church
- To define a healthy and holy family
- To explains some major events in the New Testament

### Objectives

The students will...

### Knowledge of Faith

1. reinforce Jesus is present with us,
  - a. in His Church.
  - b. through His Spirit.
  - c. in the Scriptures.
  - d. in the Sacraments.
  - e. in other people.
2. develop an understanding of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Church today.
3. define the Church and its mission.
4. introduce the responsibilities of being a Catholic Christian in the following areas:
  - a. worship and prayer.
  - b. community.
  - c. mission.
5. be introduced to the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.
6. explore the actions and symbols of the seven sacraments.

### Liturgical Education

1. continue to deepen their understanding of the church year through a sequence of Scripture stories
  - a. birth of Jesus
  - b. life/ministry of Jesus including his teaching and miracles
  - c. suffering and death of Jesus
  - d. Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus
  - e. coming of the Spirit at Pentecost
2. celebrate seasons and feasts of the Church.
3. review the parts of the Mass.

### **Moral Formation**

1. broaden their understanding of the Ten Commandments.
2. learn the responsibilities of free choice.
3. explain why the Church calls all Christians to respect life, work, creation, and the poor.

### **Teaching to Pray**

1. understand the four types of prayer:
  - a. Praise.
  - b. Thanksgiving.
  - c. Contrition.
  - d. Petition.
2. introduce and learn the Apostles' Creed and the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.
3. deepen their understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
4. be introduced to the Mysteries of the Rosary.

### **Education for Community Life**

1. explain the role of the permanent deacon, the priest, the bishop and the pope.
2. show appreciation for the work of the church's leaders within the parish, the diocese, and the universal church.
3. be introduced to the concept of the Body of Christ and its implications for the life of the Church.

### **Missionary Initiation**

1. define and give practical examples of evangelization.
2. explore the evangelical attitudes of Jesus.
3. deepen their knowledge of Church vocations.
4. use one's time and talents to spread the Good News.
5. pray for members of the Church and for the work of the Church to flourish.

### **Family Life**

1. continue to develop the family life values, especially the gift of self, life, and love.
2. explore the diversity of human feeling and their relation to human behavior.
3. explain some of the physical differences between boys and girls.