

Grade Seven Religion Curriculum

Goal

Enable the students to understand the life and ministry of Jesus as revealed in scripture and to help them appreciate the meaning and significance of the sacramental life of the Church

Outcomes

- To develop a mature understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies through the study of the Bible
- To experience a variety of prayer forms to assist the students in their growing understanding of the importance of daily prayer study
- To appreciate the daily and Sunday Mass readings as part of a cycle that include most of Sacred Scripture
- To demonstrate knowledge of Judeo-Christian heritage through the first century of Christianity
- To demonstrate stewardship by completing class or school sponsored service projects
- To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Liturgical calendar
- To plan and participate in various types of worship and prayer services
- To continue to develop the students' respect for themselves and others maintaining relationships based on Catholic values and the meaning of Christian community

Objectives

The students will...

Knowledge of Faith

1. locate and discuss particular passages in the New Testament that will assist in the students' understanding of Jesus as: Risen Lord, Son of Man, Son of God, Teacher, Word Incarnate, Messiah, Savior, etc.
2. explain the sacraments of initiation, healing, and vocation and how they affect the life of the Church.
3. examine the person of Jesus, His values, attitudes, ministry, and call to discipleship in order to deepen a personal relationship with Christ Jesus.
4. define vocabulary to include the following: Ascension, Beatitudes, catholic, Roman Catholic Church, conversion, disciples, Easter, Epistle, evangelist, Gospel, grace, Incarnation, inspiration, liturgy, Messiah, New Covenant, original sin, parable, Paschal Mystery, Pentecost, resurrection, revelation, Scriptures, sin, synagogue, Temple, transfiguration, transubstantiation, Trinity.

Liturgical Education

1. continue to study the saints and feast days.
2. show respect and reverence in the celebration of the liturgy.
3. participate in the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
4. celebrate the seasons and feasts of the church in keeping with the liturgical cycle; probing the accounts of Jesus as Messiah/Savior, especially through the liturgies and reading of Lent and Holy Week.

Moral Formation

1. examine the Two Great Commandments, the Ten Commandments, and the Beatitudes.
2. examine the nature of social sin and the need to experience reconciliation.

Teaching to Pray

1. use a journal as a method of prayerful communication.
2. study the petitions of the Lord's Prayer and begin to understand the impact on Christian life.
3. continue to learn about the various prayer forms, prayers, and liturgical songs.
4. deepen their understanding of the passion of Christ through the study of the Stations of the Cross.

Educating for Community Life

1. grow as a community with the help of the Commandments and Church laws.
2. develop the attitudes and skills for overcoming racial and ethnic prejudices as individuals and members of society.
3. acquire skills for peaceful conflict resolution.

Missionary Initiation

1. explore ways to see Jesus present and active within individuals, communities, and the world.
2. examine the lives of people who dedicate themselves to service so that the students may pattern their own lives after them and become disciples of Christ.

Family Life

1. develop a healthy sexuality that leads to reverence and respect for others.
2. learn how to value individual relationships in family, school, neighborhood as life-giving.
3. develop communication as a relationship skill.
4. understand that chastity helps people live according to God's plan for sexuality.