

Curriculum Framework for Grade 3

Emphasis: Jesus continues his life and work through the Church.

1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. The love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have in the Trinity is the model of love we are to have for one another.
- B. Jesus gathered a community of followers called disciples.
- C. Jesus taught the disciples about the Kingdom of God.
- D. When we love others as Jesus taught us, God's Kingdom becomes more visible in the world.
- E. The Holy Spirit is the strength, guidance and inspiration who helps us live a Christian life.
- F. The Apostles' Creed is a summary of our faith.
- G. The Bible is the story of God's love for us which teaches us to live a God's people.
- H. The four gospels in the New Testament are the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- I. The Act of the Apostles tells about the early Church and how it grew.
- J. On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to continue his mission of proclaiming the Good News to all.

2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. The sacraments are celebrated within the Church Community.
- B. The Sacraments of Initiation into the Church are Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- C. The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.
- D. Matrimony and Holy Orders are Sacraments of vocation and commitment.
- E. The Mass has specific parts and purposes.
- F. Through the sacraments we share God's life and love in the community of the Church.
- G. The Church divides the year into liturgical seasons which helps us celebrate the life of Jesus.

3. Prayer

- A. The Church responds to God's love in prayer and worship.
- B. Silent prayer allows us to listen to God.
- C. Prayer to learn and practice:
 - Apostles Creed
 - Prayers of petition
 - Introduction to the Rosary
 - Review of prayers learned in previous years

4. Morality
 - A. The greatest commandment is to love God and to love others as ourselves.
 - B. We recognize the goodness of each person.
 - C. As members of the Church, we work for peace and justice in the world.

5. Church – The Christian Community
 - A. The marks of the Church are one, holy, catholic and apostolic.
 - B. The Church builds community, worships, preaches the Word of God and serves others.
 - C. The Church is made up of many people: laity, religious, deacons, priests, bishops, and the Pope.
 - D. The Pope and bishops, as successors of the apostles, are responsible for teaching, governing and sanctifying the Church and its members.
 - E. We honor Mary as Mother of the Church and the greatest disciple of Jesus.
 - F. All members of the Church, living and dead are united in Baptism. This is what we mean by the Communion of Saints.
 - G. The Church honors holy people as Saints.
 - H. Like the saints, we are asked to use our gifts to continue the work of Jesus.

6. Ecumenism
 - A. We respect the religious beliefs of others that are different from our own.
 - B. All Christians are united in faith through Baptism.

7. Service
 - A. We imitate Jesus who spent his life serving the needs of others.
 - B. We help others at home, in school, in the parish and in the community.
 - C. We pray for our families and friends, for those who have died, and for those who are in need.

8. Words to Know

Apostle	bishop
Communion of Saints	creed
deacon	diocese
disciple	gospel
Kingdom of God	laity
liturgical year	marks of the church
parables	parish
pastor	Pentecost
petition	priest
Pope	religious sister/brother
savior	vocation
Sacraments of Initiation	Sacraments of Healing
Sacraments of Commitment and Service	