

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM CONCEPTS

## Grade 3

By the end of Grade 3, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas:

Area #1: ***The Profession of Faith*** (CCC #26-1065)

1. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC# 232-248)
2. Jesus is the Promised One, the Messiah
3. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Son of God.
4. Jesus' Mission: The Kingdom of God.
5. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus' apostles begin the Church on Pentecost.
6. The Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.
7. The parish is the local Church; through the Holy Spirit it is a community of Word and Sacrament, prayer, and service.
8. Mary, Jesus' mother, is the Mother of the Church.
9. An overview of the Creed (with a focus on the afterlife).
10. Ministries in the Church: Pope, Cardinal, Bishop, Priest, Deacon, Religious Life, and the Laity.

Area #2: ***The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*** (CCC #1066-1690)

1. The Sacraments of Initiation:
  - i. Baptism
  - ii. Confirmation
  - iii. Eucharist
2. The Sacraments of Healing:
  - i. Anointing of the Sick
  - ii. Reconciliation
3. The Sacraments of Service:
  - a. Matrimony

b. Holy Orders

4. The Holy Days of Obligation.
5. The importance of the Lord's Day.
6. Marion feasts in the liturgical year.

Area #3: ***Life in Christ*** (CCC #1691-2550)

1. Jesus' Great Commandment: the Law of Love.
2. The Beatitudes: Jesus' call for living a good life.
3. Catholics are called to love all people.
4. The dignity of the human person as a Temple of the Holy Spirit.
5. The virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.
6. The Precepts of the Church as guides for Catholics.
7. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
8. The saints as examples of Gospel living.

Area #4: ***Christian Prayer*** (CCC #2558-2856)

1. In addition to the prayers they have already learned, Grade 3 students will begin to learn the following:
  - a. The Creed
  - b. Prayer to the Holy Spirit
  - c. The Rosary
  - d. Stations of the Cross
2. Students will compose prayers of praise, thanksgiving, remorse, and petition.
3. Celebrations of the Liturgical Year will continue in class and with the student body. These should include Marion feasts/holy days and other saints' feasts.
4. Grade 3 students will continue learning and frequently pray the following:
  - a. The Sign of the Cross
  - b. The Our Father
  - c. The Hail Mary
  - d. Prayer to the Guardian Angel
  - e. Blessing with Holy Water
  - f. Grace before and after meals
  - g. Act of Contrition

h. Mass responses

5. Grade 3 students will celebrate each season of the Liturgical Year, in class and with the parish community (CCC# 1168-1173)