GRADE 3 CONDENSED CURRICULUM

The Trinity
Model of our love for one another
Need to use God’s name with reverence
Jesus is the one who reveals the Father and the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:9-10;26)

Jesus
Son of God
Gathered a community of followers: DISCIPLES
Taught about the Kingdom of God
Imitation of Jesus makes God’s Kingdom visible in the world
Parables of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:44-46)
Wedding at Cana (Jn. 2:1-11)
Widow’s Son (Luke 7:11-17)
Multiplication of Loaves (Mark 6:34-44)
The Lord’s Prayer – “thy kingdom come”
Shared joys and sorrows
Healed sicknesses
Sent by the Father to show us how to love God, ourselves and others (Jn. 3:16)

Followers of Jesus
Followers of Jesus belong to His Church
Followers of Jesus are called to love everyone without exception – friends and enemies
Love is the sign of the Christian community (Jn 15:12)
Respect for life: especially the weak - unborn, elderly
Care for ourselves: our body
Developing our gifts/talents
Parents, guardians and family members
Care for the reputation of others
Care for the property and possessions of others
Care for the earth (STEWARDSHIP)
Two Great Commandments (Lk. 10: 25-28)
Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:29-37)
Love of Enemies (Mtt. 5:43-46)
The Sign of Peace as an expression of Love
The importance of thanksgiving for God’s many blessings

Sin
Refusing to love God, ourselves and our neighbor ( 1 Jn. 4:20-21)
10 Commandments: the standard for love
What to do when we sin:
Be sorry
Ask for forgiveness
Make up for wrong-doing
Act of Contrition
Meaning of Lent and Easter

Major Feasts
Ascension (Mark 16:19-20)
40 days after Easter – Jesus’ return to God the Father
we will one day be united in heaven with Jesus and the Father
Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)
50 days after Easter: the birth of the Church
the Holy Spirit sent to us so we could continue Jesus’ work
the grace of the Holy Spirit empowers us to be faithful followers and ministers
The Church

Community filled with the Holy Spirit who share the same faith and sacraments under the leadership of the Pope and the bishops

Sacraments of Initiation: we receive the Holy Spirit and become members of the Church

Baptism: God gives us His life (Acts 2:38)
Removes original sin
Removes personal sin in someone who is beyond the age of reason

Confirmation: full outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
Enables us to be like Jesus

Eucharist: the body and blood of Jesus (1 Cor 11:23-25)
Jesus feeds us with His body and blood
Jesus makes us one with Him and with one another
Obligatory worship on Sundays and holy days – keeping united with Jesus and one another

Sacraments of Healing: we are forgiven, strengthened and comforted

Sacrament of Penance: forgiveness of personal sin (Luke 15:11-32) Prodigal Son/ Forgiving Father
Renews and restores our relationship with God and the Church (others)

Mary (Jn. 19:26-27a)
Mother of God
Mother of the Church
Model of how Jesus wants us to live

Leadership and Service in the Church
Apostles, with Peter as leader, chosen to continue Jesus’ mission and serve (Lk. 6:12-16 Mtt. 16:18-20)

Importance of praying for our leaders
At every Mass we pray for Pope and bishop of our diocese by name

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Annunciation
Lay man, lay woman
Religious Sister
Deacon
Annunciation
Parables
Samaritan
Disciple
Assumption
Pastor
Savior
Pope
Bishop
Religious brother
Stewardship
Trinity
Priest
Word of God

WORDS TO BE TAUGHT

LITURGICAL SYMBOLS AND GESTURES TO BE TAUGHT

Presider’s Chair Sacred Vessels Sacristy Vestments

REVIEW PRAYERS OF PREVIOUS GRADES

Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory to the Father Act of Contrition
Morning and Evening Prayer Grace at meals Spontaneous prayer Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament