

1st Grade Curriculum

Saint- Any member of the People of God, some people after death are given the title “Saint,” These saints are the heroes of God’s family. They have feast days, and their lives are examples for people who want to follow Jesus

Prayers to Know:

Sign of the Cross:

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Our Father:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (bow head on Jesus) Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be:

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

First Line of the Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Prayers to be familiar with:

Prayers in the morning and evening (spontaneous)

Grace at Meals : Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Spontaneous Prayer

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| <p><u>Theme:</u> God is our Father who loves us. Jesus is the Son of God who tells us about our Father. The Holy Spirit helps us to be holy.</p> |
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Objective: To develop an awareness of God the Creator, who gives us life and grace and promises us eternal life through Jesus.

Core Content:

- God is our Creator who made all things.
- God is all loving, all holy, can do everything, is everywhere and has always been and always will be.
- We are children of God. He is our Father who made us, loves us, cares for us and who wants us to be happy with him on this earth and in heaven.

- Through the Sacraments, Jesus shares God’s love and life with us.
- Through Baptism, we become members of the Church, God’s family, and receive a share in God’s life.
- We are Catholic Christians.
- Jesus is the Son of God and became human like us and loves us.
- Mary is the Mother of Jesus.
(Joseph is Jesus’ stepfather on earth.)
- Jesus shows us how to live.
- Jesus listened to and talked with his Father.
- Jesus teaches us how to listen to and talk to God our Father.
- Prayer is listening to and talking to God.
- At Mass, we listen to God’s Word and pray together as God’s family.
- Jesus suffered and died for us and rose from the dead.
- He brings us God’s forgiveness
- The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to make us holy.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
- Sacred Scripture (the Bible) is the Word of God.

Words to Know:

Advent- Begins the Church's New Year, lasts for 4 weeks, it's a time to get ready for the birth of Jesus at Christmas

Creator- God made the whole world and all the living beings in it.

Amen- "Yes—Let it be so!" (Usually said at the end of prayers)

Altar- Table, usually made of wood or stone, on which the sacrament of Eucharist is celebrated in Church.

Baptismal Font- bowl-like container of water where Baptisms are performed

Genuflection- Bending on your right knee to show respect

Holy Water Font- Container that holds Holy Water, it is usually located near the entrances and exits of the Church

Kneeling- Bending on both knees to show respect

Lectern- Podium from which the Scripture readings and the homily are proclaimed

Sanctuary- Area in Church building where main altar is located and the Word of God is proclaimed

Sign of the Cross- "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Tabernacle- A special place where the Blessed Sacrament (the Body of Christ) is kept

Tabernacle Lamp- Light that burns by the Tabernacle to remind us of the presence of Christ

Catholic- The word Catholic means "universal," it is also used to describe Christians united by the Pope. It also means to be open to everyone. The Holy Spirit helps the Church to be Catholic.

Christmas- The day of Jesus' birth

Church- The building or place of worship for Catholics

Easter- The day that Jesus rose from the dead, it is the most joyous time of the Church year

Lent- The season that leads up to Easter. It is forty days long and starts on Ash Wednesday. During this time, Catholics do penance (prayers or good deeds to make up for sins) and also try to grow closer to God

Guardian Angel- God created angels who protect and guide us. They are always with us, and we can talk to them and ask for their help.

Liturgical Year- Jesus did something so big, so wonderful that it cannot fit into only one season. It takes a whole year of seasons and feasts to celebrate. There are five seasons in the Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Mass- It is a celebration of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. It remembers the Last Supper, it is a gathering together to hear God's word, to praise and to thank God, Jesus offers himself in the Body and Blood, it's a chance to remember what Jesus did—his life, death, and Resurrection.

Parish- Group of believers that belong to a Church

Baptism- The sacrament in which you are freed from sin, given the new life of grace, and become a member of the Church.

Sacred Scripture- Also called the Bible, it is the book containing God's word