

Religion Grade 7 Curriculum Objectives

Review, updates and revisions scheduled 2009-10 school year.

AWARENESS OF GOD

Message Doctrinal

- Describes Jesus, as the fullness of revelation of God's redeeming love and our response
- Discusses the Church's teaching on the Incarnation
- Describes the Paschal Mystery as God's plan for our salvation through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- Recognizes the Resurrection of Jesus as the heart of our faith
- Explores the human qualities and characteristics experienced by Jesus
- Appreciates and understands the Beatitudes as a set of guidelines to follow throughout their lives
- Explores ways in which Jesus carried out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Learns and applies the Theological and Cardinal Virtues to everyday situations
- Learns the meaning and existence of the 7 Capital Sins
- Identifies the 6 Holy Days of Obligation
- Recognizes Mary as the Mother of God

Message Historical

- Studies the Jewish Faith because Jesus was a Jew, and Christianity was founded in Judaism
- Learns about the world in which Jesus' lived
- Recognizes that Jesus' entrusted His mission of spreading the Gospel to the Apostles
- Studies and learns about the 12 Apostles and their missions
- Realizes that Jesus' ministry continues through His Church

Awareness of Values

Morality Personal

- Learns and practices a process for making good moral decisions
- Understands every human is tempted to sin
- Understands consequences of sin, particularly the Capital Sins
- Thinks of positive ways to overcome temptation
- Practices an examination of conscience
- Shows how listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary communication skills
- Recognizes that we are all called to a chaste life
- Recognizes life as a sacred gift from God from conception to a natural death
- Identifies personal gifts and talents which can be used to help others
- Is aware of the adverse effects of some movies, music, T.V., computer, etc. and the impact it has on them

Morality Social

- Shows how the scriptural vision of life encompasses peace, equality, and stewardship
- Discusses the Beatitudes and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and shows their relationship to Christian living
- Analyzes how discrimination and prejudice lead to injustices
- Explores and discusses diverse cultural expressions of our Church as well as others
- Recognizes that concerns for human right, especially for human life, is a basic Gospel value
- Develops peacemaking skills within family, school, and community
- Recognizes prayer, fasting and almsgiving as recommended practices

Morality Service/Witness

- Becomes aware of local and global social concerns: drug/alcohol abuse, physical and emotional abuse, hunger, poverty, racial discrimination, care for the elderly, etc.
- Becomes involved in service outreach projects, clothing and food drives

- Realizes how persons give evidence of witness to their faith through their actions
- Names some Saints whose lives were dedicated to service and missionary work: St. Vincent De Paul, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Patrick, etc.
- Interprets the importance of modern Christian witnesses: Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, Katharine Drexel, Archbishop Romero, Pope John Paul II

Awareness of Others

Community Developmental

- Recognizes the sense of identity of Church as community.
- Accepts the invitation to become a part of parish and school community experiences
- Understands that some are called to martyrdom while most Catholics are asked to live out their faith by witnessing and evangelizing.
- Shares the stories of the faith-family
- Identifies suffering as a global experience
- Studies the different kinds of commitment recognized in the Sacraments
- Understands the destructive nature of racism, prejudice and discrimination

Awareness of Spiritual Development

Worship Scriptural

- Understands the place of oral tradition in the formation of the Bible
- Regards the Gospels as written expressions of how the early Church understood its faith experience
- Understands that each Gospel writer was writing to a particular audience and portraying Jesus in a different way
- Recognizes the Gospels as a record of the parables and miracles of Jesus
- Recognizes that the writings in the New Testament were inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Identifies the geographical areas of the New Testament
- Discovers instances in Scripture which tell us what Jesus has done, and how we are to live
- Reads, discusses and interprets the writings in the New Testament
- Explores the writings of the Epistles and Acts of the Apostles
- Learns some of the titles and images of Jesus as found in the New Testament

Worship Prayer

- Studies and creates their own examples of the four important forms of prayer: Adoration, thanksgiving, Petition and Contrition
- Discovers the nature and value of Liturgical prayer
- Identifies the seven petitions contained in the Lord's Prayer
- Recognizes, creates and practices the three major expressions of prayer: contemplative, vocal, and meditative
- Participates in planning and experiencing prayer services and special liturgies
- Practices reading Scripture as a way to pray
- Leads the class in praying special devotions: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Litanies, etc.
- Practices and examination of conscience
- Recites formal prayers from memory:
 - Morning Offering
 - Hail Holy Queen
 - Act of Contrition
 - Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love
 - The Angelus
 - Come Holy Spirit
 - Prayer to St. Francis
 - Our Father and Hail Mary in Spanish
 - Mysteries of the Rosary
 - Nicene Creed

Worship Sacraments

- Explains and names the sacraments as signs of Christ's presence with us
- Understands and recognizes the sacraments of initiation, healing, and commitment
- Recognizes that participating in reconciliation is a journey of conversion bringing forgiveness and unity with God and Church
- Celebrates Eucharist as a means to bring us closer in peace and love with Jesus, Our Saviour
- Recognizes that we receive grace from God by receiving the sacraments
- Celebrates the sacraments recognizing they are members of a larger faith community

Worship Liturgical

- Assists in planning of liturgical celebrations
- Identifies and takes part appropriately at Mass
- Identifies the seasons of the Church Year including Ordinary Time and explains their purposes
- Explores the meaning of the Advent & Christmas season through the Scripture readings
- Learns the history of Ash Wednesday and the meaning of Lent
- Is aware of the commitment to act during Lent as the hands and heart of Christ
- Understands in greater detail the meaning of the Paschal Triduum
- Is made aware of the meaning of the Chrism Mass and other rituals of Holy Thursday
- Through Scripture learn about the resurrection appearances of Jesus
- Discovers the titles and images used by the Church to honor Mary • Understands the events that happened on special holy days such as: Epiphany, Trinity Sunday, the Assumption, etc.

Projects:

Creates modern day signs to show God's presence in the world

Create a modern day visual to help understand one of the mysteries of our faith

Demonstrate the Beatitudes through a collage of pictures

Through music, art, and prayer create the Stations of the Cross in a unique way