

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
prayer for 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

Explain the symbolic use of water in the rite of Baptism

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

Sacrifice of Jesus/ Sacrifice of the Mass

Spiritual nourishment for strength and ministry

Through God’s word (explain Liturgy of the Word)

Through union with Jesus and one another in the Eucharist (explain Liturgy of the Eucharist)

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)

Explain the Rite of Reconciliation

Stress the importance of regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance

Anointing of the Sick

Comfort, strength, peace to the sick, elderly and dying (**Mtt. 15:29-30**)

Mary (Jn. 19:26-27a)

Mother of God

Mother of the Church

Model of how Jesus wants us to live

Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) – Mary raised body and soul to heaven

Belief in the resurrection of the body

Dignity of the human body

Teach the last section of the Apostles’ Creed (I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church ...)

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

(Students should know these names)

Pope and bishops teach, sanctify and govern in imitation of Jesus (**Mtt. 28:16-20**)

Students should know the feast day of their parish and the name of the pastor and other important parish

Church leaders

WORDS TO BE TAUGHT

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

LITURGICAL SYMBOLS AND GESTURES TO BE TAUGHT

Presider’s Chair	Sacred Vessels	Sacristy	Vestments
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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			