



ST. FRANCIS BORGIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Grade Specific Religious Education Curriculum

Grade Level 8 Expectations

Creedal Church

- Describes the major traditions of our roots as Catholic Christians, e.g., marks of the Church, Church hierarchy, lay leadership, ecumenism.
- Describes the contribution of Mary, saints and holy people to faith tradition
- Recognizes that God has truly revealed His plan through Jesus Christ
 - Knows that to understand the Scriptures, one has to take into account the literacy forms of the time
 - Tells stories from Scripture that describe the person and ministry of Jesus Christ; The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31); The Money Changers in the Temple (Mark 11:15-18) The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:13-17); The last Judgment (Matthew 25:35-40); Jesus Announces His Mission (Luke 4:14-23); Jesus: The Second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:47); The Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

Moral Life

- Names and describes the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines for living a happy life and applies them to daily life
- Identifies personal moral choices as an expression of a Catholic Christian moral life
- Recognizes that the values of our Catholic faith are contrary to the message in some contemporary music and media

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Participates regularly in Sunday Eucharist and knows that Christ is present in the assembly, Word, presider and especially in the Blest Bread and Wine
- Articulates the cycles of the Liturgical Year, including special feasts
 - Identifies sacramental actions in Scripture: Commissioning (Matthew 28:18-20, Jeremiah 1:4-8, John 14:25-26, Acts 2:1-13); Ritual Meals (2 Chronicles 35:16-19, Matthew 26:26-29, Luke 24:13-32, John 6:28-35); Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35, John 20:19-23); Healing (Mark 1:29-34, Luke 5:17-26, James 5:13-15)

Christian Prayer

- Prays and understands the Nicene Creed
- Prays the Our Father as the most perfect prayer
- Prays using Marian devotions and other devotions, i.e., Stations of the Cross
- Experiences the presence of God through prayerful retreat experiences
 - Connects Scripture stories to life issues through prayer: God's Mercy and Compassion (Luke 1:68-79); Church as a Family (Ephesians 2:14-21); Justice of God (Jeremiah 22:13, Luke 6:36, 38); Kingdom Parable and Actions (Luke 10:33, 19:10, Mark 2:17)