

8th Grade – 1st Semester Curriculum

Church and Sacraments

The Church – The People of God

- Church
 - Communion of Saint
- The People of the Church
 - Lay people's role
 - Ordained Ministers' role
- Consecrated life
- Pope
- Bishops

The Church – The Body of Christ

- Truth of Faith
- Mystery of Faith
 - Images of the Church
 - Body of Christ
 - Temple of the Holy Spirit
 - Charisms
- The Marks of the Church
 - The Church is One; ecumenism
 - The Church is Holy
 - The Church is Catholic
 - The Church is Apostolic; apostolic succession
- Magisterium
 - Infallibility
 - Obedience of faith

Paul the Apostle – A Scripture Story

- The Acts of the Apostles tells about the trips made by St. Paul (4 missionary journeys)
 - Missionary

- Martyr
- Discuss the statement “The Church is missionary by nature”
- Missionary zeal

The Church – A People of Prayer

- The simplest, yet very powerful, prayer that we can utter is to speak the name of ...
- Expression of prayer
 - Vocal prayer
 - Meditation
 - Contemplation
- Sources of Christian Prayer
 - Sacred Scripture
 - Sacraments and Liturgy of the Church
 - Virtue of faith
 - Virtue of hope
 - Virtue of love

The Prayer of the Church

- Liturgy
- Obstacles of Prayer
- Models of Prayer
 - Abraham
 - Moses
 - David
 - The Prophets
 - Mary

Give Thanks to the Lord

- God is the focus of our lives

- The Sacraments – make us sharers in the Paschal Mystery (The saving events of the Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension of Jesus Christ)
- The Church celebrates 7 sacraments, which are classified into 3 groups
 - Sacrament of Christian Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
 - Healing-reconciliation, or Penance and anointing of the sick
 - Sacraments at the service of communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony
- Rites of the sacraments
- The Liturgical Year
 - Color of priest's and deacon's vestment – green, white, purple, red
 - Readings and Hymns
 - Sunday
 - Advent and Christmas
 - Lent, Easter Triduum, and Easter
 - Ordinary Time
 - Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials
- Recognizing God's Presence

Reborn of the Spirit- A Scripture Story

- Sanhedrin
- Pharisee
- Torah
- Darkness into light
- Nicodemus

Baptism and Confirmation

- Baptism
 - What are the Sacraments of Christian Initiation?
 - The Door to the other Sacraments
 - Baptism Q & A
- Confirmation
 - Rites of Confirmation

- Candidates
- Effects of Confirmation

Eucharist

- Eucharist – Sacrament, memorial , sacrifice
- Celebration of the Eucharist
 - Celebrant
 - Liturgy of the word
 - Liturgy of the Eucharist
 - Communion
- Graces of the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Jesus feeds 5,000

- Manna
- Exodus
- Divine Providence

Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

- The Sacraments of Healing
 - Anointing of the Sick
 - Celebrating the sacrament
 - Effects or graces of the sacraments
 - Conversion
 - The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)
 - Four essential elements
 - Contrition
 - Confession – seal of confession
 - Satisfaction

- Absolution
 - Effects or graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Forgiving and Healing

Matrimony and Holy Orders

- Marriage
- The Sacrament of Matrimony
- The Sacrament of Holy Orders
 - Bishops
 - Priests
 - Deacons

8th Grade – 2nd Semester Curriculum Jesus in the New Testament

Introduction to Sacred Scripture

- The main author of the Sacred Scripture is God
- Canon of Scripture
- Two parts of the Bible
 - Old Testament-46 books- Covenant that God made with the Jews
 - New Testament- 27 books- New and Everlasting Covenant that God made with humankind through Jesus Christ.

- Covenant

The Gospels

- Gospels
- Evangelists
- 4 evangelists
- The center of all 4 Gospels is Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Synoptic Gospels
- Fourth Gospel
- Disciples

Gospel of Mark

- Style – Goal of Jesus cannot wait. Begin with John the Baptist’s preaching and Baptism of Jesus
- Two main activities of Jesus’ ministry
 - Jesus taught people
 - Jesus heal people
- Paschal Mystery
- The point of Mark’s Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew

- Torah
- Discourse
- Matthew’s Five Discourses
- Sermon on the Mount
- Beatitudes
- What is the basic message of the Gospel of Matthew?

The Gospel of Luke – The Acts of the Apostles

- What is the basic message of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles?
- Parables
- Apostle
- Conversion

The Gospel of John

- What is the basic message of the Gospel of John?

- “I am” sayings
- Book of Signs
- Book of Glory
- Symbolic language

The Letter to the Roman

- Why is grace important?
- What do you know about St. Paul’s letter to the Roman?
- Epistles
- Pauline Letters
- Epistle to the Roman – Purpose, Structure, Writing style
- Gentiles
- Grace – Can it be earned?
- Three Sacraments of Christian Initiation

The Letter to the Philippians

- Purpose of the Letter
- Structure of the Letter
- Virtue

The Letter to the Colossians

- The Letter to the Colossians teaches about what?
- Purpose of the Letter
- Context of the Letter
- New commandment
- The standard for living our life in Christ

The Letter of James

- Catholic Letters
- Faith is not only God’s gift to us; it is also our free response to that gift.
- Central message of this Letter: Faith without good work is dead

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- Social justice

The Letter to the Hebrews

- The Letter's
 - Structure
 - Authorship
 - Purpose
- Apostasy
- Sacrifice
- Redemption

The Book of Revelation

- The goal of the work of Jesus Christ
- Apocalyptic writing
- New Jerusalem
- The Second coming of Christ

Prayers and Practices

Required Prayers and Doctrine

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Glory to the Father
3. Hail Mary
4. Our Father
5. Ten Commandments
6. Act of Contrition
7. Meal Prayers
8. Seven Deadly Sins
9. Precepts of the Church
10. Works of Mercy
11. Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

12. The Seven Sacraments and the Meaning of Each
13. Act of Love/ Act of Faith/ Act of Hope
14. Beatitudes
15. Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Prayers and Doctrines to Know/ Introduce

1. Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit
2. Mass Responses
3. Pray the Rosary
4. Stations of the Cross