

TS2 – 1st Semester Curriculum

UNDERSTANDING THE CATECHISM: LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

SEASONS OF LOVE, LIFE AND FAITH

Explores the liturgical seasons of the church year with the natural seasons and how each season (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter) relates to the universal pattern of life, death and new life.

1. Define the terms: *Advent, Christmas, Easter, Incarnation, Lent, Ordinary Time, Pentecost&Triduum.*
2. Examine major questions related to life, death, and our purpose on earth.
3. Explain the meaning of liturgical seasons of the church year and how they help us celebrate and enter into the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

A HOLY PEOPLE, A HOLY PLACE

Explores the Church as both a community of believers and the place where the community assembles for worship. The Church is the new people of God, the place where the People of God gather.

1. Define the terms: *altar, ambo, ambry, baptistery, Blessed Sacrament, cathedra, holy oils, liturgy, and tabernacle.*
2. Explain the word *liturgy* and the various ways that people participate in the liturgy.
3. Identify the various roles that the members of the worshiping assembly have.
4. Identify the key elements or symbols of the physical environment of Catholic churches and explain their purposes.

SYMBOLS, SACRAMENTS, AND THE PASCAL MYSTERY

Recognizes how signs and symbols that we encounter every day can become signs and symbols that take on religious meaning. Understands how the sacraments are symbols of the Pascal Mystery. Develops an understanding of the role of the Holy Trinity in liturgy and sacraments.

1. Define the terms: *lexorandi, lexcredendi, ex opera operato, catechesis, anamnesis, epiclesis, and sacrament.*
2. Explain the difference between signs and symbols and how the Pascal Mystery of Christ is manifested in ordinary signs and symbols, through human languages, gestures and actions.
3. Explain the signs of God's covenant in the Old Testament and Jesus was the fulfillment of these signs and covenants.
4. Identify the seven sacraments that were instituted by Jesus.
5. Analyze how we celebrate our relationship with the Trinity through the seven sacraments.

6. Emphasize on the role of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Church's liturgy and sacraments.

BAPTISM

Explores the Sacrament of Baptism as one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. It is the beginning of a Christian's sacramental life and contains the promise of salvation.

1. Define the terms: *baptism, catechumenate initiation, mystagogy, neophytes and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*.
2. Explain the meaning and process of initiation used in the RCIA.
3. Describe the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
4. Analyze the various meanings and effects of the Sacrament of Baptism.
5. Describe the essential elements and symbolic actions of the baptismal rite.

CONFIRMATION

Explores the second Sacrament of Initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism and continues our initiation into the Church. It describes the work of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures. Examines the meaning of the Sacrament and the Rite of Confirmation along with the symbols, actions and effects of the Sacraments.

1. Define the terms: *chrism, chrismation, Christ, Messiah, myron, and Pentecost*.
2. Explain the reveal of the Holy Spirit's work and actions in the Scriptures.
3. Explain the meanings of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4. Explain the Rite and the symbols of the Sacrament.
5. Describe the various gifts of the Holy Spirit and the effects of Confirmation.

EUCCHARIST

Explores the Sacrament of the Eucharist as the completion of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and the source and summit of the Christian life. The institution of the Eucharist took place at the Last Supper. The liturgy of the Eucharist will be examined along with the essential elements of the Sacrament.

1. Define the terms: *anaphora, Blessed Sacrament, breaking of the bread, Mass, synaxis, transubstantiation, and viaticum.*
2. Understand that receiving the Eucharist signifies one's full initiation into the Church.
3. Explain the many names given to this Sacrament and their meanings.
4. Identify the Old and New Testament passages that provide a background to understanding the sacrament instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.
5. Explain the institution of the Eucharist, the essential elements of the Sacrament, and the various rites of the Eucharistic liturgy.
6. Describe the many meanings of the Eucharist as well as the fruits and effects of the Sacrament.
7. Reflect upon the importance of the Eucharist in their lives.

PENANCE

Explores the Sacrament of Penance, this is one of the two Sacraments of Healing. Examine the many names and meanings of the Sacrament, the essential elements of the rite, and the graces of the Sacrament of Penance.

1. Define the terms: *absolution, confession, contrition, conversion, excommunication, sacrament of Penance, sacramental seal, and sin.*
2. Explain the sacrament through many names applied to the Sacrament: penance, reconciliation, confession, conversion, and forgiveness.
3. Understand the meaning of interior penance and other forms of penance.
4. Identify the essential elements of the rite.
5. Explain the spiritual effects of the Sacrament and the meaning of indulgences.
6. Reflect on the gift of God's forgiveness and mercy that the Church offers through this sacrament.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Explores the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, this is the second Sacrament of Healing. The mission and ministry of Jesus involved healing. Reflect on the meaning of sickness and suffering in the Jewish culture and religion through the Old Testament with those expressed through the healing stories of Jesus in the New Testament. Examine the essential elements of the rite of Anointing of the Sick, symbols of the sacrament, the effects and meaning of the Sacrament.

1. Define the terms: *Anointing of the Sick, compassion, original sin, and sacramentum exuentium.*
2. Explain the understanding of sickness and suffering in the Old Testament as it relates to punishment and sinfulness as well as the healing and forgiveness of God.
3. Identify the many healing stories of Jesus in the New Testament that are the foundation for this sacrament.

4. Identify the essential elements of the rite.
5. Explain the rite of Anointing of the Sick, its principal elements, and the effects and meaning of the Sacrament.
6. Analyze our suffering and its union with the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY ORDERS

Explores the meaning of the sacrament of Holy Orders, which is one of the two sacraments at the Service of Communion. Understand the three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Review the Rite of Ordination including the symbols, the essential rites, and effects of the sacrament.

1. Define the terms: *College of bishops, consecrate, Holy Orders, order, ordination, presbyter, presbyterium, and Sacrament at the Service of Communion.*
2. Identify the Scripture foundations for the sacrament of Holy Orders.
3. Understand what it means to call Holy Orders a Sacrament at the Service of Communion.
4. Describe the three degrees of the Sacrament of the Holy Orders. Differentiate the episcopate (order of bishops), presbyterate (order of priests), diaconate (order of deacons) and the specific responsibilities of each order.
5. Compare the common priesthood of believers with the ordained priesthood.
6. Describe the rite of Holy Orders.

MATRIMONY

Explores the Sacrament of Matrimony, which is the second of the Church's two Sacraments at the Service of Communion. Understand the teaching about marriage as it is contained in Sacred Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church. Marriage is founded on the consent of the spouses. Study the essential rite of marriage, the symbols and meaning of the sacraments, and the effect of the sacrament of marriage.

1. Define the terms: *Annulment, divorce, domestic Church, fidelity, indissolubility, and Matrimony.*
2. Understand the significance of the Sacrament of Matrimony.
3. Explore the foundation for marriage in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.
4. Describe the Rite of Marriage and explain the effects of the Sacrament of Matrimony.
5. Understand why the Christian family is called the domestic church.

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CONFIRMATION

GATHERING AS CHURCH

Explore the mystery of God's presence when the Church gathers for the celebration of the liturgy. Gathering is an activity so commonplace that its deep significance can easily be overlooked. Whenever the Church gathers to celebrate the liturgy, we manifest and make present in a specific time and place the mystery of God's love. The act of gathering for liturgy joins us to the Church as the Body of Christ and allows us to enter personally into that saving work of Christ. Prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by exploring the importance of gathering as the Church, the Body of Christ. Explore the mystery of God's presence when the Church gathers for the celebration of the liturgy.

4. Define the terms: *Covenant, Church, Body of Christ, liturgy, sacrament*.
5. Examine some of the biblical sources in the Old and New Testament that reveal the importance of gathering as God's people through the Covenant.
6. Discover that gathering with the faithful for the liturgy unites us with Christ and makes the Body of Christ present in a special way (the presence of Christ with worshiping assembly).
7. Highlight the importance of the participation of the assembly of the faithful in the celebration of rite of Confirmation. Introductory Rites.
8. Learn about one way that the youth of the Church gather which makes difference for themselves and for other people. Encounter the Gospel of Life and live the social teachings of the Catholic Church.
9. Talk about faith and manage time to live the Gospel.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Self-Revelation of God is embodied most perfectly in the Person of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, and is passed on to us both in Sacred Scripture and in Sacred Tradition. The Liturgy of the Word is such a vital part of each and every liturgical celebration. It is important that we learn how to be both hearers and responders to God's offer of grace and learn how to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our life. Discover how we listen and respond to God's revelation in Sacred Scripture and in Sacred Tradition. Explore the mystery of God revealing himself in word and deed in order that we may respond and enter into a covenantal relationship with God.

5. Define the terms: *biblical inspiration, Divine Revelation, Kingdom of God, Lectionary, Liturgy of the Word, parable*.
6. Explore what Jesus teaches about listening and responding to the Word of God: Reverencing God's Word.
7. Experience in using a Bible to name some of the parables in Matthew's Gospel, Word of God. Study parables and begin to incorporate their message into our daily life. Understand why Jesus used parables and what his messages are.
8. Explore the mystery of Divine Revelation, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

9. Explore the role of the Liturgy of the Word in the Rite of Confirmation. Emphasize the importance of both words and actions in human communication.
10. Understand the different ways we show reverence to the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word. Understand and how to response to God's Word in the daily lives.

RENEWING BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Recall our Baptism. This renewal of baptismal promises is made on a number of occasions, such as before being confirmed, during Easter, and on one's deathbed before receiving Viaticum. In renewing our baptismal promises, we reject sin and profess our faith in the faith of the Church in which we have been baptized. We deepen our commitment to Jesus and to living as his disciples. Explore the significance of the commitment the candidates will be making when they renew their baptismal promises during the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation.

1. Define the terms: *Paschal Mystery, Period of Purification and Enlightenment, Pharisee, Viaticum.*
2. Recall our Baptism: Blessing with Holy Water.
3. Explore that following Jesus requires of making the choices/decisions.
4. Explore the connection between our baptismal promises and our sharing in the death and Resurrection of Jesus.
5. Reinforce the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. Learn about the seriousness of renewing one's baptismal promises. Emphasize in living out the deeper meaning of the baptismal promises and profession of faith and witnessing to Christ with courage.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Identifying the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and understanding the role of Holy Spirit in the divine plan of Salvation. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, Comforter, Guide and Advocate. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit express the breadth and depth of God's love. The Bishop's laying on of hands on a Confirmation candidate is a symbol of God's warm embrace of those with whom he shares his own divine life through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Explore the meaning and importance of the gesture of laying on of hands in the rite of Confirmation.

1. Define the terms: *Epiclesis, Messiah, scapegoat.*
2. Examine the meaning of some of the biblical examples and meanings of the laying on of hands (in Old Testament & New Testament).
3. Discover the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in the Church's worship and apply it to the celebration of Confirmation.

4. Discover how the laying on of hands celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation connects the candidates to Christ's mission and to the work of all God's anointed ones.
5. Explore how through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the candidates can make this ancient heritage part of their own faith journey (Living the Gift of Holy Spirits).

ANNOINTING WITH CHRISM

The Old Testament describes how both people and objects were anointed with oil as a symbol that they were set apart and reserved for God service. The ritual of anointing with sacred Chrism in the rite of Confirmation is identifying the candidate as a Christian is "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit," who makes it possible to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus. Explore the gift and the mission the baptized receive when anointed with Chrism.

1. Define the terms: *Chrism, Chrism Mass, prefigure, Servant poems*.
2. Examine the connection between the Servant poems in the Book of Isaiah, Jesus' ministry, and our life in Christ.
3. Discover that through the anointing with Chrism the baptized share in the gift of Salvation and in the mission of Jesus Christ.
4. Understand the historical development of the celebration of the Rite of Confirmation.
5. Make a faith decision to improve one's sensitivity to people of cultures different than one's own.

SHARING THE GIFT OF PEACE

In the Rite of Confirmation, immediately after the anointing with Chrism, the bishop exchanges a sign of peace with the newly confirmed. In the New Testament, Jesus himself is described as God's gift of peace, whose saving death on the cross has reconciled humanity with God and rescued us from the helplessness of our sinful state. Discover the meaning of peace and how it is expressed in the Church's liturgy. Explore the history and meaning of the ritual exchange of the gift of God's peace and integrate that meaning into fulfilling our mission to live as peacemakers.

1. Define the terms: *Encyclical, Shalom, Sign of Peace*.
2. Examine and explore the rich meaning of God's gift of peace, or shalom, and its role in the mission Jesus entrusted to the disciples.
3. Discover that Jesus is the source of all peace and explore ways to share that peace.
4. Understand the meaning and significance of exchanging a sign of peace during the Communion Rite of the Mass. Help the candidates reinforce their understanding of the bishop's offering of peace at Confirmation.
5. Discover and learn a skill that will help the candidates discover and learn a skill that will help them experience the gift of God's peace, which is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

SHARING IN THE EUCHARIST

The Virtue of solidarity is vital to our lives as Christians. Salvation has come to us because of Jesus' solidarity with us. The graces of Confirmation equip us to enter more deeply into this mystery of solidarity. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to participate fully, actively, and consciously in the Eucharist. Explore how Confirmation will empower the candidates to fully participate in the Eucharist and how our celebration of the Eucharist deepens our union with Christ and our solidarity with one another and especially with the poor.

1. Define the terms: *Passover, Sacraments of Christian Initiation, sacrifice.*
2. Examine the connections between the Passover, the innocent suffering of God's people and the Servant of God, the Pascal Mystery of Jesus Christ, and the life of the baptized.
3. Explore God's offering us a life-changing encounter through the Eucharist and our role in responding to that invitation.
4. Understand the history of the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and how Confirmation deepens one's participation in the Eucharist.
5. Choose to stand in solidarity with the poor by living the Beatitudes.

SENDING FORTH ON MISSION

Pope Paul VI reminded us that the Church exists in order to evangelize – sharing the Good News of Jesus. In the solemn moment of anointing with the sacred oil of Chrism, a candidate's identity as a Christian is "sealed" with the gift of the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for the Church to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus. Explore the dismissal at the end of Mass as a sending forth of the faithful on mission to take an active role in the Church's mission of evangelization

1. Define the terms: *Evangelization, Mass, Sanhedrin.*
2. Discover how the boldness of the Apostles bore witness to the Holy Spirit's presence with the Church. Work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church.
3. Discover the centrality of evangelization to the mission of the Church.
4. Explore the origin and meaning of the Dismissal at the end of the celebration of the liturgy and respond to its command.
5. Learn about how Catholics make a difference in the world by participating in the Church's work of evangelization.
6. Make and live out a faith decision to implement the bishop's plan for evangelization.

Prayers and Practices

Required Prayers and Doctrine

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Glory to the Father
3. Hail Mary
4. Our Father
5. Act of Contrition
6. Ten Commandments
7. Meal Prayers
8. Seven Deadly Sins
9. Precepts of the Church
10. Works of Mercy
11. Act of Love/ Act of Faith/ Act of Hope
12. Beatitudes
13. Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
14. The Seven Sacraments and the Meaning of Each
15. Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit
16. Pray the Rosary

Prayers and Doctrines to Know/ Introduce

1. Mass Responses
2. Stations of the Cross