

Grade 7 Religion Curriculum Overview

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PLEASE NOTE: *Students will be instructed in class as to how best to prepare study materials for this Diocesan Exam! It is the student's responsibility to be attentive and to gather required materials from the course as presented throughout the year!*

Prayer
1. Explain the nature, purpose, disposition, and need for prayer.
2. Discuss how prayer was the cornerstone for Jesus' ministry and therefore must be the cornerstone of our lives and service to others.
3. Explain the essential elements of prayer in the Our Father as taught to us by Jesus.
4. Give a basic explanation of each of the Stations of the Cross.
5. Explain that the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary were added by Pope John Paul II to include Christ's public ministry.
6. Recognize that the twenty mysteries of the Rosary are a compendium of the Gospel, which lead us to reflect upon the life of Christ.
7. Be familiar with a variety of devotional practices.
8. Recite by heart the following prayers: Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Memorare
9. Know by heart the following prayers (learned in previous grades): Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before & after meals, Glory Be to the Father, Guardian Angel Prayer, Morning Offering, Act of Contrition, Mass Responses/Aclamations, Apostle's Creed, Prayer of St. Francis, Angelus, Hail Holy Queen, Rosary (all mysteries), Prayer for the Dead (Eternal Rest...), Divine Praises, Parish Devotional Prayer, Magnificat
Sacraments
1. Explain the origin of the Church's sacramental life as expressed in the life of Jesus.
2. Explain how the sacraments are intimate encounters with Jesus.
3. Explain how the Last Supper is the foundational event for the Sacrament of the Eucharist as celebrated today.
Church
1. Identify Jesus as the founder of the Church.
2. Define the Church as the community of baptized believers who profess their common belief in Jesus Christ.
3. Identify Peter as the first pope and the apostles as the first bishops.
4. Explain that the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church.
5. Analyze the lives of the Saints as Christ-bearers in the world.
Scripture
1. Describe the historical, familial, and cultural background of Jesus.
2. Explain how Jesus was a faithful Jewish man who lived the Covenant.
3. Define the Jewish expectations of Messiah as revealed in the Messianic prophecies and how Jesus challenged those expectations.
4. Retell, through the use of the Gospels, major events in Jesus' life from birth to the Ascension. (<i>Mysteries of the Rosary are a good starting point!</i>)
5. Name and describe the miracles of Jesus as revelation of the Kingdom of God.

6. Define parables and express how they are concrete extensions of Jesus' teachings. (*Good Samaritan, Mustard Seed, Buried Treasure, Sower and Seed, Pearl of Great Price*)
7. Discuss and examine Jesus' humanity and divinity as revealed in the Gospels (Gospel of Mark and John).
8. Access/navigate through a Catholic edition of the Bible in book form or on-line to further explore and embrace the Word of God in their personal lives.

Creed/Doctrine

1. Recognize Mary as the first disciple and reflect on our yes to Jesus.
2. Explain the significance of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.
3. Recognize the Creedal formulas (Nicene and Apostles' Creed) as summary statements that express what we, as Catholics believe.

Moral Formation

1. Give a thorough explanation of the formation and role of conscience in the life of a person of faith.
2. Explain the elements necessary for an act to be judged morally good. (consideration of the act, intention, circumstances).
3. Review the three conditions necessary for an act to be judged a mortal sin.
4. Suggest ways to more closely align ones life with the values and teachings of Jesus.
5. Compare and contrast modern day culture and teachings on sexuality and love with Jesus' teaching on the dignity of the human person and understanding of unconditional love.

Peace & Justice

1. Explain how the life and teaching of Jesus are the roots of Catholic Social Teaching in each of the seven areas:
 - Life and Dignity of the Human Person
 - Call to Family, Community, and Participation
 - Rights and Responsibilities
 - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 - Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
 - Solidarity
 - Care for God's Creation
2. (*Referring to the Beatitudes*) Explain how we are called to realize the Kingdom of God here on earth through acts of justice, peacemaking, and service to the poor.
3. Demonstrate ways to be a person of peace and justice.

Vocabulary - Identify the following people or the meaning of the following words:

<i>Abba</i>	Acts of the Apostles	<i>Beatitudes</i>	contemplation
creed	discipleship	divine nature	Emmanuel
Epistle	Evangelization	Gospels	human nature
Incarnation	inspiration	<i>Kingdom of God</i>	liturgy
<i>Messiah</i>	miracles	morality	parable
<i>Paschal Mystery</i>	Revelation	<i>Synoptic Gospels</i>	<i>Triduum</i>