

Call to Faith SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Grade K

Grade 1

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Revelation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made the world. God made people to be like him. God made people to love him and others. <p>Psalm 148:7–10, Genesis 1:27–28, 6–8, 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 CCC: 337; 356; 288</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created everything. All that God made is good. God knows and loves everyone. God’s world is a gift to you. You can learn about God and his love from the world he made. All creation is a gift from God. Everyone must help care for God’s world. <p>Genesis 2:7–22, 1:5–25, 1:26–30 CCC: 282, 286–287, 290, 299, 355–361, 364, 32, 297, 301, 293–295; 2402</p>
Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God shows his love through others. When we pray, we are talking to God. All people care for God’s world. <p>1 John 3:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, Genesis 1:28–30, 6–8 CCC: 238; 278; 373</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Son of God Jesus is both God and man. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. Jesus told stories, or parables, to teach about God’s love. The Bible is God’s word written in human words. <p>John 14:7-9, Luke 2:51–52, 15:3–6 CCC: 232–234, 240, 423, 458–459, 516; 464, 531–533; 105–110, 136</p>
Jesus Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Jesus taught us to live through his life. All Christians are called to follow Christ. <p>Luke 2:1–7, 6:27–36, 10:25–37, Mark 1:16–19 CCC: 422, 723; 561; 940–942</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ healing actions show God’s power and love. Faith is the gift of believing in God. The Great Commandment is about love of God and others. You are to love God above all else and love others as you love yourself. Prayer is listening and talking to God. Jesus taught his friends how to pray the Lord’s Prayer. <p>Luke 8:40–56, 10:25–28, Ephesians 5:18–20 CCC: 547–550, 153, 1814; 2052–2056, 2196; 2560, 2564, 2601, 2607, 2759, 2761</p>
The Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church is a large family that belongs to God. The Holy Spirit helps the Church family to love. Each person has special talents to serve others. <p>Colossians 3:12–17, Acts 2:1–4, Matthew 25:42–46, Luke 2:1–20 CCC: 751, 752; 253, 791; 910, 2447</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God invites everyone into his kingdom. The Church is people who follow Jesus and say “yes” to God’s call. God the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit fills people’s hearts with love and guides the Church. Saints are friends of God who can show you how to live. People in the Church are called to live holy lives, as the saints did. <p>Genesis 6:14–22, 7:1–23, Luke 14:16–23, John 14:25–26 CCC: 541–545, 551, 781–782, 768; 243, 685; 684, 688, 731–733, 828, 829, 1023, 825, 956</p>
Morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love one another as Jesus loves you. God’s rules help people make good choices. Tell others when you are sorry. <p>John 15:9, 11, Matthew 18:21–35, 19:18–19 CCC: 1825; 2472, 270; 1421, 2227, 1435</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ words and actions teach us how to love and serve God. When you serve others, you are serving God. The Ten Commandments are God’s laws to help people love God and others. God gives people the freedom to choose. God always forgives those who are truly sorry and want to do better. God asks that we forgive others and ourselves. <p>John 13:4–17, Deuteronomy 10:12–13, Luke 18:9–13 CCC: 565, 459, 2825; 2053, 2058, 2067, 1730–1734; 982, 1431, 2840, 1446–1450</p>
Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The words and actions of the sacraments show the wonders of God. Water is a source of life and also brings new life. The bread becomes Jesus at Mass. <p>Mark 8:22–26, 14:22–31, Acts 8:35–40 CCC: 459, 1749, 1131; 1, 1218, 1228; 1333, 1337, 1341</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God loves you so much that he sent his Son to save you. Jesus died and rose to new life. The Church has seven sacraments. They are signs of God’s love. Jesus gave the sacraments to remind people that he is with them always. Your sharing in God’s love and life is called grace. Baptism is your welcome into the Church family. <p>Luke 23–24, John 14:18–19, Acts 1:5, 8 CCC: 416–418, 422, 601, 654–655, 683; 1113, 1130, 1123; 1279, 1263–1270</p>
The Kingdom of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is great and we must serve him first. The saints pray for us to God the Father every day. To praise God for the wonderful things he does is adoration. <p>1 Corinthians 2:9, Matthew 25:35–39, Luke 24:1–12 CCC: 30, 1844, 223; 833, 958, 955; 54, 2639, 2097</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Mass the Church family celebrates God’s love. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist. Heaven is being happy with God forever. God invites all people to heaven. All who show love will go to heaven. The signs of God’s kingdom are justice, peace, and love. Christians work here and now to help God bring his kingdom to its fullness. <p>1 Corinthians 11:23–25, John 14:1–3, 16:22, Romans 14:17–19 CCC: 1359–1361, 1374, 1325; 1024, 1023; 2819, 2818, 543–54</p>

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Grade 2

Grade 3

Revelation

- God is the creator of all that is good.
- Jesus is God's greatest gift. Jesus is the Son of God.
- God sent his Son, Jesus, to bring all people back to his friendship.
- Jesus is the Savior and the Good Shepherd.
- God tells us about himself through the Bible.
- The Bible is God's word written by humans.

Psalm 8:2, 7–9, Genesis 2–3, 6–9,
John 10:11–14, Matthew 4:23–25

CCC: 290, 355, 422–464, 2415–2418; 430, 220,
389–390, 1441, 1846; 51–55, 80–82

- God created everything. All creation shows God's goodness.
- God created humans in his image and likeness.
- The Bible is the word of God written in human words.
- The Church is the People of God gathered in the name of Jesus.
- Children first learn about God's love through their families.
- The family home is called the "domestic Church."

Genesis 1:1–2:3, Acts 2:42–47,
Luke 1:39–56

CCC: 315, 355, 293–301; 831, 836, 771; 1657,
1666, 2204–2207

Trinity

- You can call God "Father" because he created you and cares for you like a good parent.
- You can trust in God because he loves you.
- Jesus is the beloved Son of God.
- Jesus is the Savior of the world.
- The Holy Trinity is the three Persons in one God.
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church and helps you to be a disciple.

Matthew 6:26–32, Luke 1–2, 2:41–52,
3:13–17, John 14:15–26, Acts 1–2

CCC: 355–356, 238–242; 461, 495, 437, 464–
469; 685, 253, 1831, 1845, 731, 249–253

- The Holy Trinity is three Persons in one God.
- Jesus, God the Son, taught about God the Father and God the Spirit.
- The Mass is the Church's most important form of worship.
- In the Mass the Church remembers what Jesus did at the Last Supper.
- Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God.
- Prayer is an important part of a Christian's daily life.

John 14:6–7, 16–17, Luke 18:9–14,
22:14–20, Matthew 6:5–8

CCC: 253, 240, 243, 234; 61, 69, 1083; 2559,
2659, 2688

Jesus Christ

- The Ten Commandments are God's laws to his people.
- Jesus teaches you to love God above all things and to love others as you love yourself.
- Conscience is God's gift that helps you know right from wrong.
- Sin is a free choice to do what is wrong.
- God is merciful and forgiving.
- God will always forgive you if you are truly sorry.

John 15:12, 18:17–18, 25–27,
Luke 10:25–37, 15:11–32

CCC: 2060–2068, 2055, 1730–1731, 1847, 1996–
2005, 1786–1789; 1428, 2839, 1846, 1870

- Jesus shared the good news about God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace.
- Jesus is the Messiah, the chosen one, and Savior.
- Jesus died and rose to new life to save all people from the power of sin.
- The Church celebrates the Paschal mystery in all the sacraments.
- The Church is the Body of Christ to which all members belong.
- Church members continue Jesus' work when they help others.

Luke 4:16–22, John 20:11–18,
Matthew 25:34–40

CCC: 546, 1154, 2688; 613, 2099–2100; 521,
1267, 2427–2428

The Church

- Grace is sharing in God's life.
- Sacraments are holy signs that come from Jesus and give grace.
- In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you receive God's forgiveness.
- This sacrament also celebrates your friendship with God and the Church.
- The Church year celebrates the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.
- The Resurrection is the mystery of Jesus being raised from death.

Genesis 6:14–22, 7:1–23, Acts 8:4–12,
Luke 14:16–23, 7:36–50, John 14:25

CCC: 1131, 1996–1997, 1212, 1113–1130; 1849,
1440–1448; 1168, 1169, 1194

- The bishops are the successors of the Apostles.
- The pope, bishops, and pastors lead and guide the Church.
- The Holy Spirit unites the Church and makes its members holy.
- Many cultures together make up the unity of the Church.
- The Church's mission is to share Jesus' good news with the people of all nations.
- The Church is catholic because it is everywhere and welcomes everyone.

Matthew 16:15–19, 26:69–75, John 21:15–
17, Luke 1:46–50, 1 Corinthians 3:5–9

CCC: 880, 884, 890; 813, 791, 957; 831,
830, 864

Morality

- The kingdom of God is love, peace, and justice for all.
- Everyone is welcome in God's kingdom and the Catholic Church.
- Jesus' disciples share in his life and in his work.
- Followers of Jesus are to proclaim his good news to the world.
- Prayer is being with God in your heart and mind.
- Jesus taught his followers the Lord's Prayer.

Luke 19:1–8, Matthew 6:5–9, 19:13–15,
28:20, John 15:4–5

CCC: 541, 543–544, 1826–1827, 2816; 1716–
1717, 747, 902; 2762–2763, 2620, 2564

- Jesus' law of love is to love one another as Jesus loves each of us.
- Jesus teaches that we should love and forgive our enemies.
- God's gifts of faith, hope, and love help you live a good and moral life.
- Christians are called by Jesus to be the light of the world.
- The Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church help you make good choices.
- Your conscience and grace also help you follow God.

Matthew 5:14–16, 43–48,
Acts 9:1–30

CCC: 1822, 1825, 1970; 1813, 2105, 1697;
2041, 1496, 1444

Sacraments

- Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist.
- The assembly uses songs, prayer, and actions to worship.
- In the Liturgy of the Word, God's word is read from the Bible.
- We say what we believe about God and pray for the needs of the Church and the world.
- The Eucharist is a memorial of the sacrifice of Jesus.
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass.

Acts 2:42–47, Matthew 13:31–32,
19:21–22

CCC: 1071, 1167, 1083, 1140–1144; 546, 1349,
1354, 101–104; 1357, 1374, 1356–1381

- Sacraments are signs that come from Jesus and give grace.
- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
- In these sacraments the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing.
- The Sacraments of Service are Holy Orders and Matrimony.
- These sacraments celebrate people's commitment to God and the community.

Acts 2:38–41, Luke 8:40–42, 49–56,
1 Corinthians 4:1–2

CCC: 1229, 1271, 1272; 1421, 1514, 1531;
1534, 1535

The Kingdom of God

- Through the Eucharist, Jesus' followers are united with him and one another.
- The gift of Holy Communion is received with reverence.
- The Church's mission is to share Jesus' message of love and to spread the news of the kingdom of God.
- All members of the Church share in its mission.
- Heaven is life and happiness forever with God.
- The Eucharist is a sign of joy and of what heaven will be like.

Luke 9:10–17, 14:15–23, Acts 10:42–48,
Matthew 22:2–10

CCC: 1358, 1390; 846, 791, 850, 849–856;
542–543, 545, 546

- God kept his promise to be forever faithful when he sent his Son, Jesus.
- The Church continues to be a sign of God's covenant.
- All members of the Church share in its mission to work for peace and justice.
- The Church is a sign of the kingdom of God.
- People who die in God's friendship live forever in God's presence.
- At the end of the world, Christ will judge all people on the way they lived their lives.

Matthew 10:5–14,
Revelation 21:1–4, 22:13

CCC: 781, 1612, 813–822; 2046, 2443, 2448;
673, 681, 1041

Grade 4

- God loves and cares for all creation and has a plan for the world.
- All God wants you to know about him is in Scripture and Tradition.
- God's covenant with Abraham reveals that God is always faithful to his people.
- Sin is present in the world because of human choice.
- The Ten Commandments help you be faithful to him and his covenant.
- The commandments tell you ways to love God and others.

Jonah, Genesis 3, 12, 15, 17, 21, 37, 42, 44, 45, Exodus 2, 5, 14, 17–20
CCC: 302–308, 80–83, 50; 59–61, 385–389; 2055, 2060–2061, 577–580

- Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image.
- Each person has a soul that will live forever.
- God created people for one another, and all must work for the common good. Such love of neighbor reflects the love of the Holy Trinity.
- No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone.
- God has given you free will so that you can make good choices.
- Your conscience is the "inner voice" that helps you choose what is good.

Genesis 1:27, Acts 2:42–45, Luke 10:30–37
CCC: 355–357, 362–366, 1928–1933; 1905–1906, 1878, 1757; 1706–1786, 1704–106

- The Beatitudes describe the reign of God that Jesus announced.
- The Beatitudes show you how to live and act as a follower of Jesus.
- The Great Commandment is to love God with all your heart, strength, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.
- The Great Commandment sums up all the teachings of the Ten Commandments.
- The first three commandments are to honor, respect, and worship God.
- These commandments tell you to believe in, trust, and love God.

Matthew 5:1–10, 19:16–22, Exodus 32:1–20
CCC: 1716, 1720, 1723, 1078–1079; 2055, 2083, 2196, 2447; 2062, 2077, 2113

- Every person is called by God to a vocation.
- Through your vocation, you can help God increase his reign.
- The Church's holiness shines in the saints. All who live their love of God are saints.
- Mary is the perfect model of holiness, and she is called the Mother of the Church.
- Jesus gave the leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful.
- The Holy Spirit directs the Church in teaching and guiding the People of God.

Jeremiah 1:5–8, Luke 1:46–50, Mark 8:27–30
CCC: 941, 2046, 2030; 828, 829; 85, 87, 940–943

- God created humans to live in strong, loving families.
- The fourth, sixth, and ninth commandments provide basic laws of family love and respect.
- All human life is sacred because it comes from God.
- The fifth commandment forbids anything that takes a human life.
- Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth.
- The eighth commandment forbids lying.

Luke 2:41–52, Matthew 5:43–45, John 8:31–32, 14:6
CCC: 2203, 2197, 2204, 2380, 2233; 2258, 2268, 2303–2304; 2465, 1741, 2467

- The Church year celebrates the Paschal mystery.
- The seasons of the liturgical year include Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
- The seven sacraments are signs, instituted by Christ, that give grace.
- The Sacrament of the Eucharist is at the heart of Christian life.
- God's forgiveness is offered to all who seek it.
- Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick celebrate God's healing love.

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8, Luke 22:17–20, 19:1–10, John 9:1–38
CCC: 1067, 1171, 1140; 1210, 1407, 1370; 1489, 1421;

- The commandments call you to be generous and to have the right attitude toward possessions.
- The goods of the earth are meant for the benefit of the whole human family.
- The Church's mission is to proclaim the Gospel and to work for the good of all.
- The Church is made up of people from many cultures united by belief in Christ.
- The Church teaches that at the end of time, all will be raised from the dead.
- All will come into the presence of Christ to be judged.

Mark 12:41–44, Matthew 25:34–40, 28:18–20
CCC: 299, 2402, 2407; 849, 1807, 942; 681, 682, 671

Grade 5

- True happiness can come only through communion with God.
- Religion expresses a relationship with God through beliefs, prayer, and practices.
- Humans share in the Creator's loving plan by caring for creation.
- God's providence is his care and plan for all creation.
- God communicates through signs.
- Through the signs and symbolic actions of the sacraments, God's life becomes truly present in your life.

John 4:7–29, Psalm 98:4–9, Exodus 3:1–15
CCC: 27, 28, 142–143, 153–155, 160, 162; 307, 302, 2404; 1147, 774, 1152

- The Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life.
- Virtue is the habit of doing good. The theological virtues are faith, hope, and love.
- Prayer and worship are ways to show love for God.
- When we pray and worship, God fills us with joy, strength, and hope.
- The Great Commandment states that you will love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, and mind and your neighbor as yourself.
- The cardinal virtues play a central role in helping people lead morally good lives.

John 1:32–34, 2 Samuel 6:1–15, Mark 12:28–34
CCC: 234, 1813, 253–255; 1083, 2638, 1082, 1071, 2565; 1804–1809, 1811

- The Incarnation is the belief that the Son of God became a human being.
- Jesus is both human and divine, truly God and truly human.
- God's kingdom is present and grows until God's reign comes in fullness.
- Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God through his actions and parables.
- Through the sacraments, Christ unites his followers to his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
- Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the human race.

Luke 8:5–8, 24:5–9
CCC: 461, 464, 1701–1702; 763–769, 546–547, 567; 1076, 618, 654

- As members of the Church, we are all united in living out the mission of Christ.
- The Church is expressed in the images of the Body of Christ and the People of God.
- The Apostles proclaimed God's good news and cooperated with God's reign.
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the pope and the bishops continue the Apostles' mission to teach.
- Mary and the saints provide the Church with models of holiness.
- Canonization declares that a model Christian is enjoying eternity with God.

1 Peter 2:4–5, Matthew 16:15–19, 28:19–20, Luke 1:30–31, 38
CCC: 811, 776, 775; 551, 85–86, 863; 1173, 828, 2013

- Evil is the result of humans' turning away from God's goodness.
- God sent his Son to redeem people from the power of sin and evil.
- The process of becoming Catholic is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
- The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- The Church receives God's forgiveness through the Sacraments of Healing.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation includes contrition, confession, penance, and absolution.

Romans 5:19, 6:10–11, Luke 15:11–32
CCC: 311, 614, 1854–1863; 1232, 1233, 1212, 1231; 1421, 1491, 1527

- The wheat bread and grape wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
- In the liturgical assembly, the Holy Spirit strengthens the community.
- The word of God is conveyed through Scripture and Tradition.
- Jesus is truly present in the word as it is proclaimed and preached in the liturgy.
- The Eucharist is the source and the summit of the Catholic Church.
- The Eucharist closely unites Christ's followers to him and to one another.

Colossians 3:16, Matthew 26:26–28
CCC: 1374, 1141, 1378; 80–82, 1088, 108; 1324, 1372, 1398

- The vocations of ordained and married people build the reign of God and serve others.
- The Sacraments of Service are Holy Orders and Matrimony.
- Faith in the Resurrection is the source of hope in eternal life and happiness.
- Last rites of the Church include the Sacraments of Healing and the Eucharist.
- The Church's mission is to bring the good news to all people everywhere.
- Every baptized person has the responsibility of sharing the good news.

Matthew 9:35–38, 25:31–40, Luke 4:16–21
CCC: 1534, 1535, 1635; 989, 1525, 1024; 849, 863, 2820

Call to Faith

Grade 6



Revelation

- God reveals himself and his plan of salvation through Scripture.
- The most important truth of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition is that God is faithful and wants you to live with him forever.
- The stories of creation in Genesis reveal that God alone created the universe.
- God created humans in his own image to live in harmony with him forever.
- God fully revealed his faithfulness to humans by sending his only Son, Jesus.
- Humans have the ability to live in friendship with God.

Ruth 1:1–17, Genesis 1:1–30, 2:4–25 CCC: 51–55, 214, 108; 279–289, 355–361, 373; 396–411, 1730, 1468, 396

Trinity

- God calls you on a journey of faith toward salvation.
- The path toward salvation is paved with prayer.
- God rescued the Hebrews from slavery and sent his Son to save all people.
- The Passover and the Eucharist celebrate God's saving actions.
- The Ten Commandments are the laws of God's covenant with the Israelites.
- The Ten Commandments help you stay close to God and in right relationship with others.

The Book of Genesis, CCC: 176–184, 2570–2572, 183; 62–64, 1150–
The Book of Exodus 1151, 430–431; 1961–1966, 1949–1953

Jesus Christ

- In Old Testament times, God chose leaders like Saul and David, who were anointed kings.
- God the Father anointed his Son Jesus to be prophet, priest, and king.
- The Bible teaches that true wisdom comes from trusting God and obeying his law.
- Jesus is the wisdom of God, sought in every age by those who are wise.
- Prophets of the Old Testament spoke for God, telling people to repent and obey God.
- Jesus is the Messiah described by the Old Testament prophets.

1 Samuel and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Job, CCC: 59–64, 695, 218–221; 156–158, 215–217,
Isaiah and Zechariah 1950; 2581–2584, 711–714, 702

The Church

- The Gospels are the good news of Jesus; they proclaim his life and teachings.
- The Gospels are interpreted by the Church through Tradition.
- Jesus laid the foundation for the Church through his life and teachings. He sent the Holy Spirit to help the Church fulfill its mission.
- The Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church today.
- The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- The Church is a community, united in faith, working together to share the Gospel.

Luke, Acts of the Apostles, 1 Corinthians CCC: 124, 109–119, 772; 763–768, 849–854,
3:16, 12:12, Ephesians 1:22–23, 2:19–20 737–747; 811–813, 830–831, 823

Morality

- The Great Commandment allows you to achieve happiness and holiness.
- The Beatitudes and precepts of the Church help the faithful live holy lives.
- Working toward justice means respecting the dignity of persons and peoples.
- Justice is giving what is due to God and others.
- Your conscience helps you know when you have sinned.
- Through the sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives sins and restores us to his friendship.

Matthew 17:1–8, 18:23–35, 22:37–40, CCC: 1716–1729, 2041–2043; 1939–1942,
Micah 6:8 2304–2306, 1807; 1777–1782, 1440–1445

Sacraments

- The mission of the Church is to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.
- Through the Sacraments of Initiation, Christians are given new life.
- All of the baptized are called to follow Christ by serving others.
- Ordained ministers serve God through preaching the word and through celebrating the sacraments.
- The Church celebrates marriage through the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- This sacrament helps a man and woman grow in love and holiness.

Acts 8:26–39, John 13:1–15 CCC: 849–856, 1212, 1285; 897–900, 1548–
1553, 900; 1612–1617, 1646–1651, 2204

The Kingdom of God

- Members of the communion of saints can intercede, or pray to God for others.
- The communion of saints includes all holy persons, both living and dead, who are united in the Eucharist.
- Christ desires the unity of all his disciples.
- Ecumenism is the work of Christians toward unity.
- God will triumph over evil when Christ comes again in glory.
- In the new creation, God will reward good and punish evil.

Acts of the Apostles, CCC: 2634–2638, 946–948; 820–822, 813–819;
The Gospel of John 992–996, 1038–1041, 1042–1047, 991

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Grade 7

- God created the heavens and the earth, making humans in his image and likeness.
- God promised to restore the human race to his intended harmony and perfection.
- God is the author and inspiration of the sacred words of Scripture, recorded by humans.
- God continues to speak to us today through the Scriptures.
- We know God through Jesus Christ who is the sign of God the Father's love through the Holy Spirit.
- The natural and revealed laws help us choose what is good and to live as God's people.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a; 1 John 1:5; John 1:1–14, CCC: 69, 315–319, 353, 410; 136–139, 521, 1802; 3:16; Matthew 26:26–30; Exodus 20:1–17 73, 1979–1983

- The Trinity is a mystery, never totally understood by the mind, yet approached through faith.
- The love that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have for each other is a model for us.
- The Son of God has existed for all time, and through the Incarnation, became human.
- Jesus revealed his divinity through the working of miracles, which also reveal his human nature.
- The Holy Spirit gives the Church life and energy and unites us as the Body of Christ.
- The Holy Spirit guides the Church in her living Tradition and prayer.

Matthew 1:18–23, 28:16–20; John 1:1–21, CCC: 261, 743, 1890, 2680; 479, 480, 483, 561; 10:31–38, 14:15–17; Philippians 2:1 747, 809, 2590, 2661, 2644

- Jesus is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, at once fully human and fully divine.
- Jesus became human to show us how to live and reach our full potential as God's children.
- The Beatitudes reveal values of the kingdom and how to live in harmony with God and one another.
- By disobeying God the first humans introduced sin and suffering into the world.
- God promised a Messiah who would bring salvation and free his people from sin.
- Jesus conquered death and makes it possible for those who have faith to experience new life.

Luke 11:9–13; 1 Timothy 2:5–6; Matthew 5:3–12; 7:24–29; 1 John 4:10–11 CCC: 460, 479, 561; 1725, 1726, 1983; 70, 384, 415–419, 621, 985

- Jesus sent his disciples into the world and asks us to work together to spread his message.
- The Holy Spirit uses many different ways to teach us how to pray.
- Jesus is the head of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.
- We are all united with one another as part of Christ's Body to help build God's kingdom.
- The Church is both a sign and instrument of the communion between God and his people.
- A personal relationship with God, nourished by prayer, helps us bring his love and truth to others.

Acts 9:1–5; Matthew 6:9–13, 18:12–20; John 1:43–51, 8:12 CCC: 935, 940, 2644, 2693; 779, 805–807; 45, 183, 620, 780, 2591, 2744

- God made us with a free will, an intellect, and a soul, all of which help us choose to do good.
- Morally good actions require that their object, intention, and circumstance be good.
- A well-formed conscience will guide us to do what is right and good.
- All people possess the human dignity that comes from being made in God's image.
- We are to honor and protect the human dignity of all people from conception to death.
- Theological and cardinal virtues guide us in our choices and actions.

Matthew 5:38–48, 6:2–4, 7:12; Psalm 139:14–16; Philippians 4:8,13 CCC: 1711, 1713, 1757–1761, 1796, 1798, 1871–1876; 2319–2326; 1833–1841, 2393–2395

- Christ makes the Father known to us and makes it possible for us to share in his life.
- Baptism is a celebration of new life in Christ and incorporation into the Church.
- Confirmation seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit to live out our journey of faith.
- In the Eucharist we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ and strengthened for mission.
- In Reconciliation we receive God's forgiveness and return to life with him and the Church.
- The Anointing of the Sick provides the seriously ill and suffering God's grace for strength, courage, and hope.

John 14:1–10; Galatians 3:26–28; Matthew 9:35–38; James 5:14–15 CCC: 1115, 1131; 1275, 1278–1282, 1316–1320, 1408, 1412–1416; 1486, 1490–1497, 1529

- We discern our vocation with the help of family, the Church, and prayer.
- The Church asks us to share our time, talent, and treasure.
- God's kingdom is present but not yet complete.
- As Jesus' followers we are called to end injustice for the sake of God's kingdom.
- Christian hope is based on trusting in God and that we will be united with him forever.
- Jesus will come at the end of time to judge the living and the dead, and the kingdom will be complete.

Luke 2:41–52, 4:14–22, 10:2; Matthew 13:31–32, 25:31–46; John 11:1–44 CCC: 941–944, 1666, 2253, 2694; 550, 2552–2556, 2800; 658, 682, 1051, 1054–1060

Grade 8

- Humans can live in friendship with God because we have a soul, reason, and free will.
- God established a covenant with his people, promising to be faithful to them and to be their God.
- The Ten Commandments guide us in what it means to be and live in God's image.
- Scripture and the lived Tradition of the Church make up one source of revelation, or deposit of faith.
- Faith is both a gift from God and a free human choice and action.
- The Church is holy because her founder is holy and because the Holy Spirit lives within her.

1 Samuel 3:1–10; Mark 9:14–29; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Psalm 8:6–7 CCC: 44, 70–72, 228, 2080, 2081; 96–98, 176–182; 319, 353, 867, 2720

- Jesus' Transfiguration revealed his divine glory as the Son of God.
- The gift of grace helps us to know and love God.
- The Christian family (the domestic Church) has a special role in the establishment of God's kingdom.
- Through our Baptism we share in Jesus' mission as priest, prophet, and king.
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us live our Christian witness.
- The Holy Spirit lives in the Church, uniting, guiding, and giving her life.

Luke 9:28–36; 1 Peter 2:9–10, 15; 1 Cor 6:19–20; 2 Cor 6:16–18 CCC: 455, 2021; 804, 808, 942; 382, 747, 809, 1280, 1316, 1317, 1845

- The first disciples worshiped together, followed Jesus' teachings, and cared for one another.
- Jesus offers eternal life to those who believe.
- Through Jesus we are forgiven and made whole again.
- Conversion is an ongoing process, nurtured by the Holy Spirit.
- The Catholic Church is made up of Eastern Catholics and Roman Catholics, united by a common creed, the sacraments, and the leadership of the pope.
- Christ desires that we work and pray toward the unity of all baptized Christians.

Mark 10:46–52; Luke 7:36–50, 19:1–10; John 15:1–10, 17:20–26; Romans 8:10 CCC: 1948; 1490, 2018–2020, 2025, 2027; 810, 816–819, 838, 1208, 1318, 1320

- The bishops are direct successors of the Apostles, and the pope is the direct successor of Peter.
- Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to teach the truth of Christ.
- The Church is universal, reaching out to the whole world and welcoming all people.
- Missionaries bring the Good News to people who have not yet come to know and believe.
- The pope and bishops belong to the Church's hierarchy, and guide the priests, deacons, religious communities, and the lay faithful.
- The laity bring the truth of God's kingdom to the world in which they live and work.

Matthew 13:31–33, 16:13–19; John 4:13–42; Acts 1:8–9, 2:1–4, 6:1–7 CCC: 869, 935, 936, 1593–1596, 2050, 2051; 849, 851, 854, 868; 937–945, 1591

- We are called to put God first in our lives, to trust and hope in him.
- God's name is holy, and his name deserves respect and reverence.
- The Holy Family stands as a model for our own families.
- In the family, we grow in our understanding of right and wrong, and learn what's truly important.
- The common good focuses on the needs of the community and people as a whole.
- The Church works to insure that public and political authorities act with truth, justice, freedom, and solidarity for all people.

Matthew 5:33–35, 37, 22:34–40; Psalm 8:1; Luke 2:41–52; John 15:12 CCC: 2134–2140, 2161–2163; 2251, 2252; 1920–1926, 1943, 1944, 1947, 2327–2329, 2458

- Sunday observance includes participation in Mass, rest, and attention to living a holy life.
- Matrimony strengthens a couple to live out their promises and model the love Christ has for all.
- Through Holy Orders, men are ordained to service in the name of Jesus for the Church.
- Living by the virtues of modesty and chastity strengthens our lives, teaches us faithfulness, and honors human dignity.
- The liturgical year connects our lives more closely to the Paschal mystery of Jesus.
- The Eucharist is at the very heart of what it means to be Catholic.

Ephesians 6:21; John 1:1–11; Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 CCC: 2021–2023, 2190–2195; 1592, 1597, 1600–1664, 2396, 2397, 2400, 2530, 2533; 1193–1195, 1407

- Sacramentals are holy objects, prayers, and practices that help us respond to God's grace.
- Religious art, especially icons, helps us glorify God and honor the saints.
- The Church is a communion of saints uniting believers in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth.
- The Church honors Mary as the greatest of saints with many feast days and devotions.
- The Church declares some people canonized saints for their lives of heroic virtue and holiness.
- Throughout her history, the Church has strived to live Jesus' message of love, hope, and faith.

Acts 2:42–47; Exodus 20:2–5; Luke 1:26–45; 1 Peter 4:16 CCC: 960, 962, 1053, 1677, 1679, 2141; 973, 974, 1195; 851, 852