

Second Grade Curriculum

<i>Jesus Our Life</i>	The students are prepared for the sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion through studying the development of salvation history. As students learn about God's plan of love and mercy, they begin to understand that these sacraments are God's gift to us and that they too are part of God's loving plan. Special emphasis is given to preparation for and reception of these sacraments, as well as learning about the Mass.
Creed/Scripture	Students develop an understanding of the mystery of Christ through age appropriate teachings on Church doctrine and scriptural references as listed below and in the teacher's manual.
Sacraments	Students continue to learn that God shows his love and mercy by giving us the sacraments to restore the life of grace. The sacraments emphasized in second grade are the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and Eucharist.
Christian Living	Throughout the second grade, students develop their understanding of the dignity of the human person. Students learn to live out their faith and respond to what they learn by forming a moral conscience and by living out their call to justice and service through imitating the life of Jesus.
Prayer	Throughout the second grade, students continue their development of a prayer life that includes learning the basic traditional Catholic prayers and praying spontaneous prayers. They continue to learn that prayer is talking with God. Special emphasis is given to learning about the Mass as the perfect form of prayer.
Sacramental Preparation	<p>Students will study the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion in preparation to receive them for the first time. They will learn about sin, God's mercy, confession of sins, reconciliation, the steps to a good confession, and the matter, form, effects, and minister of the Sacrament of Penance. They will also study the Passover, Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, transubstantiation, the priesthood, sacrifice, the order and parts of the Mass, personal union with Christ in Holy Communion, Eucharistic devotion, and the matter, form, effects, and minister of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.</p> <p>The Sacrament of Penance is studied in chapters 17, 18, 19, 20, and 30. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is studied in chapters 22, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 33.</p>

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1	God the Father Souls Heaven	God created us so that we could be one with him in heaven. God gave us a human soul so that we could love as he loves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God, our Father in heaven, wants us to be with him in heaven. God gave each of us a human soul that lives forever and allows us to choose to love. God gives us the Bible to help teach us how to get to heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God, our Father Attributes of God Death and the soul Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that God is their Father who wants them to be happy with him in heaven. Students will learn that God loves them and gave them a human soul so that they can choose to love as he loves. Students will learn that they can come to know God through the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Prayer: Our Father Scripture: Creation, Our Father
2	Blessed Trinity	The Blessed Trinity is a relationship of persons between God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This relationship shows us how God loves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is eternal. God freely created all things from nothing. The Blessed Trinity is three Persons in one God. We can share in the life of the Trinity because God the Father sent the Son to be our Savior and because the Holy Spirit comes to live in us at Baptism. Each of us is called to share in God's relationship of love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Aquinas' five proofs Baptism Sign of the Cross Mystery Works of the three Persons of the Trinity Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will know that there is only one God, but three Persons in God, the Blessed Trinity. Students will know that while God is eternal and complete in the Trinity he freely chose to create out of love. Students will learn that the Trinity is like a family that is united in love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Thomas Aquinas Saint Patrick Prayer: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be Scripture: Creation, Baptism (Mt 28:19) Chalk Talk: The Trinity
3	Creation	God created out of love.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God creates out of love. All creation reflects the glory of God and teaches us about the wisdom of God. We are made to praise our Creator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providence Angels Stewardship Goodness of creation Human soul and praise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that God reveals his love in creation and that they were created to give thanks, praise, and glory to God in all that they do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer: Glory Be, Litany of Gratitude (Dan 3), Cantic of Creation by Saint Francis Scripture: Creation Chalk Talk: God Can Be Seen in His Creatures, The Creator

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4	Image and Likeness of God	God created us in his image and likeness. Because of this we can know and love.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created us in his image and likeness. • Grace is the life of God in our souls. • We were created to know, love, and serve God. • God gave us guardian angels to guide and protect us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam and Eve • Helpmates • Original justice • Grace • Baptism • Body and soul • Angels/pure spirits • Nine choirs of angels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and that every human life is a gift. • Students will learn that, because they were created in God's image, they desire to be one with him. • Students will learn that God, in his love for man, offers the gift of grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Augustine • Blessed Herman the Cripple • Prayer: Our Father, Guardian Angel Prayer • Scripture: Creation of man
5	Angels The Fall Original Sin	Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, we are all born without grace in our souls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created angels and some of them fell from grace and became devils. • Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost sanctifying grace. As a result, their descendants are born without sanctifying grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What an angel is • Test • Free will • Original sin • Effects of original sin • Sin • Tree of knowledge of good and evil • Virtue of obedience • Savior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that their choices have consequences. • Students will learn that original sin affects all men, but God promised a Savior. • Students will learn that God gave them the gift of grace so that they could choose to love him in all that they do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope Leo XIII • Prayer: Sign of the Cross, Saint Michael Prayer, Guardian Angel Prayer • Scripture: Saint Michael (Rev 12:7-10), God's command (Gen 2:16-18), Ps 91:10-12, Fall of Adam and Eve • Chalk Talk: Before and After Original Sin
6	Baptism	Through Baptism we receive grace and have the hope of heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism infuses grace into our souls so that we can live holy lives and go to heaven. • Baptism washes away original sin and makes us children of God and members of his family, the Church. • As baptized Christians we must strive to keep our souls free from sin. • Patron saints intercede for us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original sin • Baptism of Jesus • Sacrament • Saints • Symbols used in Baptism • Necessity of Baptism • Minister, matter, and form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that the life of grace is restored in the Sacrament of Baptism. • Students will learn that in Baptism they become part of God's family, the Church. • Students will recognize the responsibility they have to keep their souls free from sin and will know that their patron saints can intercede to help them in this task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron saints • John the Baptist • Saint Blaise • Saint Catherine • Saint Giles • Prayer: Our Father, Glory Be • Scripture: Baptism of Jesus, Baptism (Jn 3:5-8)

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7	Adam and Eve Noah and the Flood Abraham David	God's plan of love to take care of his people after the fall of Adam and Eve is shown in his love and mercy for them as they strive to follow him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God promised Adam and Eve that he would send a Savior. • While waiting for the Savior many people sinned, but God was faithful to his promise and through Noah, Abraham, and David he prepared the world for a Savior. • God's servants show their love for God through obedience, faithfulness, trust, patience, and perseverance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah, the flood, and the Ark • Sacrifice • Prefiguration of Christ's sacrifice • Abraham • Isaac • David • Mary, Joseph, Jesus • Virtue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that God has a plan and always takes care of his people. He is loving and merciful. • Students will be familiar with some of the main characters of salvation history and their genealogical relationship to Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron saints • Prayer: Our Father, Glory Be • Scripture: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, David • Chalk Talk: Timeline: Waiting for the Savior
8	Moses Ten Commandments	God gave us the Ten Commandments to show us how to love. We respond in love through prayer and living a life of virtue as taught by the Ten Commandments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses delivered his people from slavery in Egypt. • God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments. • We must love God and our neighbors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Covenant • Virtues of Moses • Moral guide • Understanding the Commandments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that as part of God's plan of love he gave them the Ten Commandments as the way to show their love for him. • Students will learn to develop their moral consciences through understanding the Ten Commandments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Curé of Ars • Saint Gracian • Saint Anthony of Padua • Saint Sebastian • Prayer: Act of Contrition, Glory Be • Scripture: Joseph, Moses, the Exodus, Ten Commandments
9	Loving God and Neighbor	The Greatest Commandment is the commandment of love—to love God and our neighbor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments. • Prayer and worship are responses of love. • As Catholics we have many ways to love God, including prayer and the Mass. • We are also commanded and called to love our neighbor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Commandments review • Types of prayer • Free will • Virtues • Sin and grace • Venial and mortal sin • Sacrament of Penance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that they are called to love and worship God above all else. • Students will learn that they are loving God by loving their neighbor. • Students will understand the responsibilities that accompany free will. • Students will know that God still loves them even if they sin and that he forgives them in the Sacrament of Penance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Anthony of Padua • Prayer: Act of Charity • Scripture: Good Samaritan, Great Commandment

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10	Preparation for Jesus	God kept his promise to send a Savior. After preparing his people, he sent his own Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gives us hope for eternal life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is our Savior who came and opened the gates of heaven. • God chose Mary to be the Mother of his Son. • During Advent we prepare for Jesus' birth and Second Coming. We also prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of original sin • Prophets • Mary, mother of our Savior • Advent traditions • Immaculate Conception • Annunciation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus gives them hope for eternal life in heaven. • Students will understand Mary's place and role in salvation history. • Students will understand how Advent is a time of preparation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lady of Lourdes • Prayer: Hail Mary • Scripture: the Annunciation, Hail Mary (Lk 1:28, 35, 42)
11	Jesus' Birth and Youth	Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, is born to give us hope and bring us good news. He was born in poverty, worshipped as a king, and was entrusted to the care and protection of Mary and Joseph.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In obedience, Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem where Jesus was born in poverty. • Angels announced to shepherds that the Savior was born. The shepherds adored Jesus. • The wise men were Gentiles who followed a star to find the baby Jesus and bring him gifts fit for a king. • The Holy Family fled into Egypt. • The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census • Good Shepherd • Nativity • Angels • Magi • Epiphany • Herod • Families • Baptism and God's family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, their King, Savior, and friend. • Students will learn about the events that surrounded Jesus' birth and will understand how these shape the lives of Christians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Nicholas • Saint Joseph • Prayer: Act of Faith, Hail Mary • Scripture: the birth of Christ (Lk 2), flight into Egypt

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12	The Holy Family	The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. He was a holy man and the head of the Holy Family. • Mary was the mother of Jesus and the wife of Joseph. She cared for Jesus and Joseph in the home of the Holy Family. • Jesus' Father is God. He was obedient to his Father in heaven and to Mary and Joseph, his foster-father. • The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation in the temple • Nazareth • Joseph and Judaism • Spouse of the Holy Spirit • Baptism and God's family • Feast of the Holy Family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and their roles in the Holy Family. • Students will learn that we should imitate the Holy Family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Martin de Porres • Prayer: Hail Mary, Litany to Saint Joseph, Litany to the Holy Family • Scripture: Holy Family, presentation in the temple, the Child Jesus in the temple
13	Good News Parables	Jesus' public ministry began at his Baptism. Through parables Jesus teaches us that we can have a foretaste of the Kingdom of God here on earth and the Kingdom will be fully manifested in heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended on him and God the Father spoke. • After Jesus was tempted in the desert he began to preach the Good News. • Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God using parables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Baptism • God's plan for us • Titles and symbols of the Holy Spirit • Relationship of Persons in the Trinity • Kingdom of God • Mustard Seed • Twelve apostles • Buried Treasure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus is their example of holiness and virtue and that God the Father wants them to listen to him. • Students will learn what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lady of Perpetual Help • John the Baptist • Prayer: Our Father • Scripture: Baptism of Jesus, temptation in the desert, Mustard Seed, Buried Treasure • Chalk Talk: The Twelve Apostles, Material Gifts vs. Spiritual Gifts
14	Good Samaritan Corporal Works of Mercy	Jesus taught us that in loving our neighbors we love God. We can love our neighbors by practicing the corporal works of mercy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the parable about the Good Samaritan Jesus taught what it means truly to love our neighbor. • Jesus taught us that when we love our neighbor, we love God. • Jesus taught us ways that we can care for the bodily needs of others. These ways are the corporal works of mercy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-giving love • Sacrifice • Neighbors • Last Judgment • Mendicant orders • Practicing the corporal works of mercy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that in the Kingdom of God each of them is called to love his neighbor. • Students will know that the corporal works of mercy are expressions of love for God and neighbor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Elizabeth of Hungary • Saint Simon Stock • Saint Catherine of Siena • Prayer: prayer for neighbors • Scripture: Good Samaritan, corporal works of mercy, Last Judgment

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15	Prayer	Jesus taught us to pray to the Father.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus taught us <i>how</i> to pray in his instructions to his disciples. • Jesus taught us <i>what</i> to pray in the Our Father. • We can pray always and everywhere. • God hears and answers all prayers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinds of prayer • Prayer with the Holy Family • Petitions of the Our Father • Vocal and mental prayer • Mass, the perfect prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that prayer is talking with God and that God always hears their prayers. • Students will know that Jesus taught them how to pray. • Students will recognize the many different ways they can pray at all times and everywhere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint John Bosco • Prayer: Sign of Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Morning Offering Scripture: spirit of prayer (Mt 6:1-8), Our Father, Pharisee and tax collector
16	Miracles	Jesus strengthened faith and hope through his miracles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the wedding at Cana Mary interceded and Jesus performed his first miracle. All miracles reveal who Jesus is and evoke faith. • When Jesus calmed the storm, his disciples learned that he had power even over nature and their faith increased. • After Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish, he revealed that he is the Bread of Life. • Jesus worked other miracles of healing that show his love and power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miracle vs. magic • Intercession • Symbolism of fish • Healing • Faith • God, pure spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that the miracles of Jesus strengthen faith and hope and show that he is God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Benedict • Saint Scholastica • Prayer: Hail Mary, Litanies to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles, Jn 11:27 • Scripture: wedding at Cana, calming of the storm, multiplication of the loaves and fish, Bread of Life discourse, raising of Jairus' daughter
17	Asking Forgiveness	God's mercy is greater than any sin. God is always calling us back to himself.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin is turning away from God. • If we sin, we should be sorry and sincerely turn back to God because his mercy is endless. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Commandments • Mortal sin • Venial sin • Forgiveness • Offering up suffering • Reconciliation • Prodigal Son 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn to ask for forgiveness when they have turned away from God in big or small things. • Students will learn that God hates sin, but that God never stops loving them. • Students will learn that God not only waits for us with open arms, he calls us back by name. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Vincent de Paul • Saint Faustina • Prayer: Act of Contrition • Scripture: Prodigal Son • Chalk Talk: The Ten Commandments

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18	Forgiveness of Sins	When we are truly sorry for our sins Jesus forgives us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus forgives us of our sins if we are sorry. • Only God can forgive sins. Jesus is God and gave the apostles and all priests the power to forgive sins. • The Sacrament of Penance heals the soul through God's grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' power to heal body and soul • Absolution • Steps to a good confession • Sacrament of healing • Reconciliation • Tour of confessionals • Names for the Sacrament of Penance • Effects of the Sacrament of Penance • Seal of confession/sacramental seal • Matter, form, minister 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus is always ready to forgive them of their sins when they are sorry for them, and sorry for offending him. • Students will learn that they can receive God's forgiveness, mercy, and grace in the Sacrament of Penance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Charles Borromeo • Saint Padre Pio • Prayer: Our Father, prayer for the sick • Scripture: healing of the paralytic, Sacrament of Penance, institution of Penance (Jn 20)
19	Sacrament of Penance	In the Sacrament of Penance the priest acts <i>in persona Christi</i> (in the person of Christ). We should prepare ourselves to talk to Jesus and listen to him in love and faith.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Before confession we must examine our conscience in order to know our sins. • Having contrition for our sins leads us to decide not to sin again. • After confessing our sins, we do penance to help make up for our offenses against God and neighbor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps to a good confession • Examination of conscience • Sin vs. accident • Perfect and imperfect contrition • Crucifix • How to go to confession • Indulgences • Brown scapular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus meets them with love in the Sacrament of Penance. • Students will learn that they can draw closer to Jesus by carefully following the steps to a good confession. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Ignatius of Loyola • Prayer: Act of Contrition • Scripture: institution of the Sacrament of Penance (Jn 20)

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20	Making up for Our Offenses	Jesus forgives us and heals us in the Sacrament of Penance. Because of his mercy and healing we will not want to sin again and we will want to make up for our offenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of Zacchaeus gives us an example of generous penance for sins. Jesus redeemed us and made up for all of our sins by dying on the Cross. Penances make up for sins and strengthen us in virtue so we will not sin again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redemption, forgiveness, penance Public vs. private revelation Children of Fatima and penance Virtue and vice The brown scapular Uniting suffering to Christ's perfect sacrifice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that there are many ways that they can make up for their sins. Students will learn that all penances should be done in love, united to Jesus in his perfect sacrifice. Students will learn that God's grace can help them to grow in virtue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Lady of Fatima Prayer: Act of Contrition, Prayer of Reparation Scripture: Zacchaeus Chalk Talk: Vice vs. Virtue
21	Good Shepherd	Jesus loves us and cares for us like a shepherd cares for his flock. He laid down his life for us in the Crucifixion so that we can go to heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is our King and Savior. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who nourishes us, guards us, calls us back from sin, and leads us to heaven. We, his sheep, hear his voice and follow him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday Christ the King Kingship not of this world Expectations of the Messiah Virtues to follow Jesus Seven sacraments, nourishment for souls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that Jesus is their shepherd and he nourishes them through the sacraments. Students will learn that Jesus is the Way and they are to follow him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Francis de Sales Saint Jane de Chantal Prayer: Jesus, Meek and Humble, Our Father Scripture: Good Shepherd (Is 40:11), entrance into Jerusalem, prophecy of coming King (Zech 9:9), lost sheep, Ps 23, Crucifixion Chalk Talk: The Good Shepherd
22	Last Supper	Jesus gave himself to the apostles at the Last Supper and gives himself to us at every Mass. Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is the fulfillment of God's promise to care for us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus celebrated the Passover at the Last Supper. This was when he instituted the Eucharist. Jesus is present in the Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Jesus is the Bread of Life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> True Presence Thanksgiving Passover Lamb Transubstantiation Tabernacle Consecration Holy Communion, Blessed Sacrament Matter, form, minister Sacrifice of the Mass and the priestly power to Consecrate Paschal Mystery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that the Last Supper was when Jesus gave himself as our Paschal Lamb by giving the Eucharist. Students will learn that the Eucharist is central to Catholic faith. Students will learn that Jesus nourishes his people out of love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Tarsicius Prayer: Our Father, Spiritual Communion Scripture: Passover (Ex 1-20), Last Supper, Bread of Life, multiplication of the fish and loaves

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23	Crucifixion	Jesus died for our sins so that we can enjoy eternal life with God in heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus experienced the agony in the garden, where he prayed and accepted the will of God. • Jesus was condemned, scourged, crucified, and died. • Jesus' death brought back man's friendship with God and opened the gates of heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consecration of chrism oil • Obedience • Sacrifice for sins • Apostles' Creed • New Adam, new Eve • Stations of the Cross • Mary, our mother • Church tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus gave himself completely out of obedience and love. • Students will learn that small acts of self-giving love show love for Jesus. • Students will learn that at Mass, the Last Supper and Crucifixion are present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John, the apostle • Prayer: Stations of the Cross, Our Father, Rosary (Agony in the Garden), Apostles' Creed • Scripture: agony in the garden, Passion of Jesus, Bread of Life
24	Resurrection	Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. His Resurrection enables us to live forever with him in heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples so they could believe. • Jesus gave his apostles his peace and power to forgive sins. • During Easter we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter vigil Mass • Paschal candle • Hope • Eternal life • Women at the tomb • Jesus, new Adam • Upper room • Resurrected body • Sacrament of Reconciliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will know the events after Jesus' Resurrection and their significance for the disciples and all Christians. • Students will learn that Easter is the season to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the grace he won for them so that their sins can be forgiven and they can live forever with him in heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Glorious Mysteries • Scripture: burial and Resurrection, Christ appears to the apostles, great commission, Emmaus, Mary Magdalene, breakfast on the shore
25	The Holy Mass	We join the angels and saints in heaven when we go to Mass. There we praise and worship God for who he is and in thanksgiving for all he has done for us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus said to "Do this in memory of me." • At Mass the same sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is offered to the Father. • Through Holy Communion we become living sacrifices with him. • At Mass we celebrate the Resurrection. • The Mass is the perfect prayer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses during Mass • Third Commandment • Institution of the Eucharist • Sunday traditions • Sacrifice of the Mass • Why Sunday Mass is important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that the Holy Mass is the most perfect prayer of worship and thanksgiving. • Students will recognize that command to participate in the Mass and will eagerly do so knowing that it unites them to Jesus' sacrifice of love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Robert Bellarmine • Patron saints • Prayer: Our Father, Glory Be, Spiritual Communion • Scripture: Last Supper, Old Testament sacrifices, Abraham, Elijah, Crucifixion, Christ's Sacrifice (Heb 7), Resurrection • Chalk Talk: The Holy Mass

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26	Parts of the Mass	There are two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Jesus is present to us in both parts of the Mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Introductory Rites prepare us for the Liturgy of the Word. • We hear and respond to God's Word in the Liturgy of the Word. • The priest offers prayers and gifts to God and he prays the words of Consecration over the bread and wine. We receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. • The Concluding Rite follows the Liturgy of the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places in church • Altar, sacred vessels • Vestments and liturgical colors • Priests and laity at Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that the reason they go to Mass is to worship the Lord and to receive his graces. • Students will learn that the church is a sacred place where Jesus is present in the Eucharist. • Students will deepen their understanding of the structure and meaning of the Mass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer: Mass responses
27	Holy Communion	By the power of the Holy Spirit and through the actions and words of the priest, the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ during the Consecration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Consecration the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. • Jesus called the children to himself. • Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words of Consecration • Minister, matter, form • Response of faith • Transubstantiation • Nourishment, grace • Reverence • Catholic teachings on the Eucharist • The saints on the Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that the Eucharist is the True Presence of Christ. • Students will learn that in Holy Communion they are united to Jesus in a very special way in which they are filled with his love and grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer: prayers from the Mass • Scripture: Bread of Life, call of children, childlike disciples (Mt 18:1-6) • Chalk Talk: Food for Our Bodies and Food for Our Souls
28	Preparation for Receiving Holy Communion	Because the Eucharist is Jesus, we must prepare ourselves to receive him in the Eucharist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are four steps to receiving Holy Communion worthily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of grace • Confession of mortal sins • Heresies about the Eucharist • Active participation • Worthy reception • Prayers before Communion • Church etiquette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn how important one's disposition is when receiving Jesus; they must prepare to receive him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Patrick of Ireland • Saint John Baptist de la Salle • Prayer: Act of Contrition

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29	Forty Days After the Resurrection, the Ascension	Jesus ascended to the Father to send the Holy Spirit who would teach us all truth and help us do the Father's will.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the Resurrection Jesus taught his disciples, gave the apostles the power to forgive sins, and sent them to preach the good news. Jesus ascended to the Father and will come again. Meeting Jesus causes great joy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter, the first Pope Papal infallibility Great commission Good Shepherd Christ the King, Kingdom of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that in meeting Jesus they will learn to respond in love and joy. Students will learn that the role of the apostles is to carry on the work of Jesus, to preach the good news, and to baptize. All baptized Christians share in this role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elijah Prayer: Glorious Mysteries, Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Charity Scripture: Resurrection, Ascension, fishers of men, great commission, Jesus' founding of the Church, Peter's denial, Peter's confession of love
30	The Coming of the Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and he comes to us to teach, guide, and protect us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. After the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, they preached about Jesus and three thousand people were baptized. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. God gives us his life in the seven sacraments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbols of the Holy Spirit Novenas Baptism Gifts of the Holy Spirit Creator, Savior, Sanctifier Effects of receiving the Holy Spirit Trinity Matter, form, minister of the seven sacraments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn the events surrounding Pentecost and how these are important in the life of the Church. Students will learn that the Holy Spirit is their friend, teacher, and comforter who will lead them in their call to do God's will. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer: Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Third Glorious Mystery, novena prayer Scripture: Pentecost Chalk Talk: The Coming of the Holy Spirit, The Trinity
31	The Church	The Church is Christ's Body. Just as a body is made up of many parts, so the Church consists of many members: the Pope, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and the laity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pope is the visible head of the Church and the Vicar of Christ. The bishop is the head of the diocese. The pastor is the head of the local parish. Those who have not received Holy Orders are the laity. We all make up different parts of the Body of Christ, the Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread of the gospel Growth of the Church Church structure Priests, helpers of the bishop Religious orders Vatican Council II The Church and salvation Body of Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will have a basic understanding of the initial growth of the Church. Students will learn that the Church is made up of many parts, all of whom have a unique role to carry on the work of Jesus. Students will learn that each of them has a call to holiness and to be a saint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer: Apostles' Creed Scripture: Peter as foundation of the Church, Church as Body of Christ Chalk Talk: God's Family

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32	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother, and she always leads us to her Son.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary was assumed into heaven, where she is Queen of Heaven and earth. • Mary is the Mother of God, and she is also our mother. She intercedes for us. • The Rosary is an important prayer for Catholics to understand and pray often. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother of the Church • Our Lady of Fatima • Our Lady of Sorrows • Seven sorrows of Mary • Scripture and Tradition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will know that Mary is the Mother of God and of the Church. • Students will learn that Mary is their mother who leads them to Jesus. • Students will learn that Mary can pray with them and for them and take their prayers to Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lady of Sorrows • Prayer: The Rosary • Scripture: Jesus gives Mary to us, wedding at Cana
33	Jesus Is Always Present	Jesus is with us and will remain with us always. He is present through the gift of his Church, especially in the Holy Eucharist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus promised to be with his Church always. • Jesus is with the Church through the Holy Spirit. • Jesus is with the Church, most especially in the Eucharist. • We worship and adore Jesus, present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Jesus is present with us • Blessed Sacrament • Holy hour • Adoration • Benediction • Tabernacle • Monstrance • Sanctuary lamp • Altar • Reverence • Church etiquette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn that Jesus wants them to come to him and he will bless them. • Students will learn that Jesus is with the Church through the Holy Spirit in the sacraments and liturgy and most especially in the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Maria Goretti • Patron saints • Prayer: Hail Mary, Glory Be, Divine Praises • Scripture: Jesus is with us, Ascension, invitation to pray, Jesus blesses the children, Phil 2:1-11, garden of Gethsemane
34	Heaven	We are called to keep our eyes on Christ and to love as he loves so that we can be in heaven with him forever.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were created to be with God in heaven. • Jesus died so that we might go to heaven. • How we live our lives determines where we will go after death. • At death we will go to purgatory then heaven, or straight to heaven, or to hell. • Our bodies will be resurrected. • Our true happiness will be attained in heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death and original sin • Anointing of the Sick • Qualities of the resurrected body • Souls in purgatory • Communion of Saints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will know the relationship between death and original sin, and will know what heaven, hell, and purgatory are. • Students will learn that they will find perfect happiness in heaven and that God wants all of them to be with him in heaven. • Students will learn that the way to heaven is through Jesus and by loving as he loves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer: Rosary • Scripture: Great Commandment, 1 Cor 2:9 • Chalk Talk: The Three States of the Church